January 3 1917

Mrs W E Waters
126 Claremont Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs Waters:

After seeing you the other day I went off to Boston for over the New Year's and hence have not been able to reply to your questions at an earlier date.

I have been just a little puzzled as to what reply to make. However, after referring to the "Standards" that were drawn up at the Chicago Conference concerning the Study Class, the Reading Circle, etc, I should say that the definitions which are to be formed by your Committee need not apply exclusively to the Mission Study Text Book. Your Committee was an outgrowth of the thought that the "Standards" as given at Chicago were too long for general use and so it was decided that there should be brief definitions which could be effectively quoted as authoritative. I should say that these ought to be based on the "Standards" given at Chicago. As those do not ally themselves to the text books I do not think the definitions you are to present need do so. I trust this will meet your need.

It was most interesting to hear you say the other day that you had been converted to the wisdom of the Chicago Conference and all the things it has brought in its train. There have been annoyances in the process of reconstruction of course so it is not only nice of you to be converted, but far nicer to be willing to acknowledge it.

With every appreciation, believe me, that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-SMB

January 4 1917

Mrs James A Webb Jr

Madison, New Jersey

My dear Mrs Webb:

I have given much thought to your letter of December the sixteenth relative to the report of the Nominating Committee to General Council on January the seventeenth. After such careful thought I have written Miss Hodge, the Secretary, that it is my judgment that the Nominating Committee should not be called upon for a report at this time. The elections will not take place until June and it seems to me unwise to have nominations presented six months previously.

Committees will bring to the January meeting outlines for the work of the various secretaries and committees and I would deem it unwise to have the names presented until such definition of service has been outlined. Otherwise we shall find ourselves, I fear, in the position of trying to fit the work to the individual whose name has been suggested.

I write you at this time as Chairman of General Council and not as a member of the Nominating Committee. In this former capacity I shall be very glad to hear from you as to your thought concerning the above ruling which at present I deem it wise to make.

This point having been settled I will act inmy capacity as member of the Nominating Committee, although I confess that I am not at all ready to name those who should be accepted as General Council representatives in important undertakings

I await your reply, and am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-SMB

January 5 1917

Mrs James A Webb Jr

Madison, New Jersey

My dear Mrs Webb:

A letter just received from Miss Hodge in reply to mine of recent date says:

> "I have been thinking along the same lines as you have in regard to committee's reporting. My judgment about the Nominating Committee is the same as yours - that they should not be asked to make a report until the annual meeting in June. I was hoping that the other five committees might make reports, and that if any were prepared to make final reports they could be adopted and the matter settled up. We are all eager to get into running order as soon as possible. I think it was a fortunate thing that the status of the Student Committee was definitely continued until June,1917. This gives us an opportunity to discuss the preliminary report of Council's Committee on Student Work, for I feel certain it will be referred back to the Committee for amendment and alteration."

I quote the whole thing that you may see that Miss Hodge feels as I do about this. I therefore will rule, unless you raise a question, that no report will be had from the Nominating Committee until the June Meeting. If you are going to take exception to this ruling I will be glad to hear from you at an early date.

I trust this is the last communication relative to General Council that I shall need to send out for a few days for I am sure all of you are rather weary with them.

Faithfully yours,

MKB_SMB

WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

MRS. JAMES A. WEBB, JR.
MADISON, N. J.
PRESIDENT

MADISON, N. J., Jany 7 1917

Dear Mrs Bennett, Chairman
of General Council. —

Pursuant to
your letter of January
4th in reference to the
report of the Nominating
Committee. I quite agree
with the wisdom of
your suggestion that it
be not presented at the
meeting on the 17th —
I do not deem it wise to

make any nominations
just yet.
Transforming you now
into Mrs Bennett, a member
of the Nominating Com-
-mittee of General Council,
I would say that I will
confer with you prior
to the meeting on the 17th
In omitting any suggestions
that may be received.

Very sincerely yours
Hattie S. Hebb
(Mrs James A. Jr.)

C O P Y
to replace carbon copy which was accidentally damaged

General Council
Minutes of January 17-1917

January 19 1917

Miss Margaret L Hodge
319 South 41st Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Hodge:

My brain is not quite clear yet after that strenuous meeting of Thursday, but so far as I recall the only matter you need from me for the completion of the Minutes is the appointment of four committees which I hereby name as follows, urging that you will feel quite at liberty to make changes as these will not be sent out until you and I have had opportunity to go over the Minutes carefully:

Committee of five on plans for one Book of Prayer:
Mrs W E Waters
Mrs L M Coy
Mrs J W Goss
Miss F E Quinlan
Mrs E K Hopper

Committee on Preparation of a Joint Hand Book of Instruction to Synodical, Presbyterial and local officers; appointment with power to proceed with the printing:
Miss M L Hodge
Mrs H B Pinney
Mrs James A Webb
Miss F E Quinlan
Mrs D L Maid

Committee on Methods for financing General Council:
Miss Annie Hyatt
Mrs H B Bissland
Miss M L Hodge

Committee on changes in standing rules governing General Council:
Mrs Maid
Mrs Waters
Mrs Webb

Note: to this Committee that it was moved in rel tion to the student committee that there be inserted a phrase showing that one-half of the members are to be from the Home section and one-half from the Foreign section.

When the Minutes are completed do I understand that you send one copy to each member of the General Council and that she takes it to her Board? In our case, there being six members, I shall find it necessary to name some one or become responsible myself for this, and I am wondering if, in that case it will not be possible for me to have each time two sets of Minutes, - one set that I could use for taking items to my Board, and which is very apt to become mutilated, and one copy to keep as Chairman of General Council and that will be in shape to hand over to my successor in office. When these are made will it be too much bother to give me the second copy?

I am not quite certain as to when you are to be in New York but it seems to me that you said your days there would be February the first and second. I shall be glad to have a definite date when we can work. I shall be at liberty after four on the thirty-first of January and Saturday morning. In fact if I knew at once I could arrange any time from Wednesday at four to Saturday at noon which would be convenient to you. I will meet you in New York if that is your desire, but would be more than glad if you would come out to Englewood and stay with me.

With every hope that you are not worn out as the result of the last two weeks, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-SMB

Have you thought of the fact that having sent out " Final Actions o on Chicago Minutes" we have changed them? Would it be wise for you to advise Boards that the two items Financial 5 & 6 have been passed? Then what about proposed changes in Rules of General Council? Would it be best to notify Boards that there will be such or let it go? Puzzling work, isn't it?

PRESIDENT
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. CHARLES P. TURNER

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501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

RECORDING SECRETARY
MISS EVELINA GRIEVES
TREASURER
MISS SARAH W. CATTELL

Jan. 24th 1917

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

As I do not expect to be at the office for a day or two I am writing this by hand; please excuse.

A rough draft of the minutes has been mailed you today; mine has just come and I have made several corrections in it. You doubtless will do likewise and we can compare notes when we meet next week.

It is rather appalling to be put on two such important committees; if I have the chairmanship of the Hand Book I would put all the work into the hands of our Publication Com. which has a very able Chairman. But as the two Boards in New York are each collecting material

for such a book I should think it would be better for one of them to supply the chairman. Could it be given to Mrs. Waid or Miss Quinlan and preserve the "balance of power" by making Mrs. Waters chairman of the standing rules com.? No, that would make her chairman twice! Make me chiman of that and put her on the Hand Book com. or do some other juggling.

The minutes note the changes in "final Actions" and tell the Boards what to do with them. Do you not think that is enough?

I have to be in New York on Friday, ~~Jan~~. Feb. 2nd., for the whole day. I can meet you in New York any time on Thursday after eleven or on Saturday morning if you are going in, but if you are not I will be glad to go to Englewood instead and have a glimpse of you in your home.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

22. Student Com. + Joint C. E. Programs.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
February 8, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am sending you the copy of the General Council minutes, which I hope are now entirely correct. I will send a copy for your files at "156" to Miss Long.

I had a talk with Miss Walker last Friday and told her that you and I thought it was not necessacy to make any explanation of the budget in the minutes of General Council. I enclose a copy of a letter I have just sent her. She asked whether the Joint Committee was no longer to communicate with the Boards, and I told her that their present organization is continued until June, and therefore they are at liberty to write as usual. Then I asked if Miss Hoff had resigned. I find that she has not done so, but is ready to at any moment. The Committee has a good deal the idea which you expressed to me: that they would like to keep Miss Hoff and engage a third secretary, though she did not put it as if it were formal Committee action or as if they wished to employ Miss Hoff for full time. She said that in the fall when there were many requests for speakers they would be very glad to use Miss Hoff in addition to the new secretary, and I found that was the reason that they had left the item of the estimated additional amount so vague. When I showed her the way you and I had suggested, that we should add "for salary of associate secretary", then the point about Miss Hoff came out. I said that if there were need of a third person Miss Hoff could be engaged as an extra through the usual channel of recommendation from the Committee and approval by the Boards, but that I was sure the Boards would not be willing to elect another secretary as long as Miss Hoff is the associate.

In regard to the C. E. Programs, and the Board responsible for them, I have a letter from Mrs. Coy of June 27, 1916, in which she says -

> "I am asking the Occidental Board to be responsible for the Senior Christian Endeavor Programs for 1917. The Home Board requests that the Foreign Board preparing the programs this year be responsible for the printing and distributing of same."

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Secretary.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
February 8, 1917.

Miss Grace R. Walker,
Room 636, 156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Walker:

I enjoyed my visit with you last Friday, and am now ready to give you one or two facts in regard to the budget of the Joint Student Committee. After consultation it was decided to change "estimated additional amount required" by adding "for salary of associate secretary and for office assistants", which I think is exactly the wording you and I agreed upon; in the statement of the share of the Woman's Home Board to omit day of the month, saying simply March, June, September and December; in the Foreign share it is necessary to change $40 for the travel account to $45, since a mileage book now costs $22.50. As this is merely the budget and does not explain how that budget is to be raised, the explanation of the Foreign Boards' share is omited, and the wording is as follows: To be paid quarterly, each payment $586.25, by the treasurer of Central Committee in March, June, September and December. When your letter is sent to Board presidents and student secretaries you can then make the explanation, but it is not quite correct as you put it in the document which you submitted to me. The Foreign Boards' share is included in the regular budget of Central Committee and will be paid by its treasurer quarterly in advance to the treasurer of the Joint Student Committee.

As soon as the fourth one of the Foreign Boards is heard from in regard to transferring the $125 of Miss Hoff's salary for office expenses you will be notified, and I hope that will be within a very short time. I think I told you that New York, Chicago and Philadelphia have voted in favor of it.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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Feb. 17th

Dear Mrs. Bennett, I am just back from New York and go to Washington Monday A. M., so please excuse this letter.

Mrs. Halsey Wood, editor of our Year Book of Prayer, consulted me about ordering paper for the 1918 Book. She has a bid from the printer, which must be answered by the end of this month, for paper to be delivered in June. I believe that last year both Home and Foreign Boards had difficulty in securing paper on time. She suggests that she order the paper on condition that she may return it if the union of the two books goes through, which struck me

as a good plan. What is the W. Bd of H. M. going to do about paper? And if the union can be consummated this year, how about paper for the united book? As I talked with Mrs. Wood I could see that the com. on union must have practically every detail worked out, as to which cover (or what cover) to have, plan for uniting, who shall edit, etc. and that every ~~delegate~~ Board must authorize its delegates to vote or they cannot possibly be united this year. There will be no time after June to refer back to Boards. And I should think it would be essential for the committee to consult the two editors for practical details.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret E. Hodge

re 1) Year Book of Prayer
2) Object for College Guild
3) Standards of Excellence
4) Com. on Standing Rules
5) Com. not to ask Brand action

March 2, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
319 South 41 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am most sorry that your recent letters have not been answered at an earlier date. Unfortunately my own stenographer was ill for three weeks and pressure of work at the office was so heavy, that I could not borrow. I have therefore had to let many things that should have had attention pass by me. In addition, because of the inter-relationships that are springing up so rapidly, I find there are so many meetings to attend that it is difficult to find an opportunity for dictating. This is really becoming a serious problem.

I did not realize until now, that I had a question from you that should have had an immediate reply, and that is relative to paper for the Prayer Book of 1918. That letter was placed with the others and I did not realize that there was a question to which you wanted immediate reply. It would seem to me that the suggestion of Mrs. Halsey Wood, that she order paper on condition that she may return it, if not needed, is a very wise one. We have found that most of our contractors refuse to promise us paper ahead, and that we have, to a certain extent, had to trust to securing it when the time for using it came. I am sure however, that we have made no arrangements as to paper for the completed ~~Hymn~~ Book, and I should therefore think that there would be no question but that the paper ordered by Mrs. Wood can be taken over for the joint publication. I am writing Mrs. Waid, Chairman of the Committee, by the same mail as this, simply to tell her of this possibility, in order that should the matter come to the minds of the Committee, they will not be disturbed, or they will not order a second quantity from anyone. It will be most necessary that that Committee has every detail worked out when they come back to the meeting of General Council, as from that time on there will be only a few weeks in which to prepare all the material and have the book printed, so that it may be ready for circulation at the time of the fall synodical meetings. It seems to me that when the notices for the June meeting are sent out, it might be well to call the attention of the Boards to the fact that their delegates must come instructed.

You will have heard doubtless, that Miss Hoff has definitely resigned as Associate Student Secretary. This therefore, leaves the way clear to secure someone. I understand that Miss Cheek declined to accept the position, and that the Joint Committee has at present no

candidate to offer. The other day a matter concerning Student Work was brought to me, and it seems best that I take it up with you now in order that I may learn whether there has been a misunderstanding on the part of the Foreign Boards, or of our Board. As the Foreign Boards voted against the motion asking that special Home and Foreign objects be assigned for the gifts of college girls and alumnae and as no amendment was offered to it, it was our understanding that the motion was lost and that no object would be assigned. My attention is now called to the fact that the Women's Foreign Boards have asked, or will ask, college girls to contribute toward a fund of $3,500.00 for Tokio College. Is this correct? If a Foreign object is offered to college girls, the Woman's Board of Home Missions should of course offer one also, but I would understand that none should be offered except by further agreements made at next meeting of General Council.

I think you know that Miss Quinlan is a purist in the desire to have all the work that goes out under our Boards as nearly accurate in form as possible. You will therefore be interested in the enclosed copies of Standards of Excellence, which she has sent me. Her criticisms are quite legitimate and I am wondering whether we could make some adjustment. Would it be well to have General Council by correspondence approach the Boards asking if they would be willing to destroy the copies of the Standards which they have on hand, and have a corrected set prepared which would be in better form and which could be printed by one Board in quantity sufficient to meet the needs of all the Boards and could then be purchased by these Boards? By having a new set prepared it would be possible to place on them the notice of the hundred percent basis and also the dates. If you think that it would be wise to approach the Boards in this way without waiting for June, will you let me know? If we wait, many copies will have been distributed, and it will then become increasingly difficult to make changes. We need to reprint Young People's Standard at once, as our supply is exhausted.

Right here, let me say, that Miss Quinlan has asked me how soon the Committee on Wording of Standing Rules of General Council can begin work. I have told her that just so soon as you had heard from the seven Boards, you would return to all the Boards the actions taken. As each member of General Council should receive a copy of this Report, I should understnad that Chairmen of Committees could accept such notification as final and immediately proceed to work in accordance therewith. Should you not so understand it?

One Committee has asked me whether the paragraph on page fourteen of the Minutes, stating that Committees were not to ask for Board action before bringing Reports to General Council was accepted. I answered that as no objection was raised in regard to this at the meeting of January seventeenth, the Chair would understnad that it was accepted. Do you agree?

You asked me in a letter written sometime ago how many postal cards I wish. I think fifty would answer. If you have envelopes with imprints prepared, you might send me fifty, but meanwhile I have quite enough of the plain ones that you sent me, and do not need others for the present.

I told you before that I should not be so diliatory about replying to letters, and you see I am just as bad as usual. I am sure I need not tell you how much I regret it. I trust it has not embarrassed you greatly, and remain with every good wish,

Most cordially yours,

MKB/MJM.
Enclosure.

P. S. Since the above was written I have received a letter from a Home Synodical President in territory of the Board of the North West, saying that she finds herself embarrassed because she has sent out the Standards of Excellence, and the Foreign President has not received them as "the Board of the North West did not think the time had come to give the information out - that the Standards of Excellence were not yet printed and the Boards had all to agree on a date to send them out".

There is evidently some mistake here as most Boards have printed and distributed Standards, but if Chicago has not, it would be well for us to offer changes at once before they do print. Perhaps you know more of this matter than my correspondent.

re · 1) Year Book
2) Subject for College girls
3) Standards of Excellence

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
March 6, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have been rather overwhelmed with my own work and fully appreciate your difficulties. I have written to Mrs. Waid in regard to the united Prayer Book, realizing that I should have written to her as Chairman of the Committee instead of to you. I am sorry I troubled you with this matter. I am hoping to arrange to see Mrs. Waid when I am in New York on Thursday this week, and if not then as soon as possible thereafter. Mrs. Wood writes me that the printer will not allow her to return the paper she has ordered, but it seems to me as it does to you, that the paper she has bought can be taken over for the joint publication.

When I was at Englewood I was talking to you about the Student Work and the special Home and Foreign objects, and I told you by word of mouth instead of giving it to you in writing as I should, that Central Committee voted in favor of assigning objects to the undergraduates but not to the alumnae, and it was because of that that Central Committee has assumed a certain, as yet indefinite, amount in the Presbyterian share of the Tokio College. I spoke to you about it because of the fact that we should not offer it to the college girls unless the Home Board does so also, and I think I asked you if you were planning to take some financial object instead of offering them practical work to do in one of the mountain fields. My recollection is that you said you would take up the subject with your Board. We have left the matter in abeyance waiting to know your decision. Letters from C.C. members agree to my suggestion of $500. in Tokio, since we can offer this object only in Presbyterian Colleges.

My interpretation of the paragraph on page 14 of the minutes, stating that committees were not to ask for Board action before bringing reports to General Council, is the same as yours - that this was accepted.

I am interested in Miss Quinlan's suggestions about the Standards of Excellence. It seems to me that the Boards which have departed from the wording in the Final Actions have been wrong. That was the model sent to us all and my impression is that my own Board is a sinner along with others. I do not see how we can make the corrections which Miss Quinlan suggests since the actual wording had been voted upon, but it does seem to me wise to have a set that is really correct in its wording, and the wording of the different standards consistent with each other. Would it be possible for you as Chairman to have such a model prepared, and offer it to General Council according to paragraph 4, section e, of the Rules - "In the intervals between meetings business shall be transacted by correspondence with the Chairman and submitted to the members of the Council" ? You might send this out at once with the statement that no Board should reprint any Standards, and asking if it would be wise to have them all printed by one Board in quantity and let the other Boards purchase from it. I have the impression that the Board of the Northwest was waiting until after the decision of the January meeting in regard to the Standards of Excellence, and was proceeding to print at once, but I do not know. I can easily ask Chicago what they have done.

I have inserted in the Council letter which I have written to-day that the Chairmen of committees should proceed immediately to work.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Secretary.

re) 1. Minutes of Jan. 1917

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
March 5, 1917.

To the Members of General
Council.

Dear Friends:

I have just received the replies from the last of the Boards in regard to the minutes of the meeting of General Council, January 17, 1917. The results are as follows:

The Home Board accepts all the recommendations, with the following amendments:
It suggests on page 9, definition of Program Meeting, to omit the words "or topics on special missionary fields or problems".
Page 10, definition of Lecture Course, to omit the last sentence - "An introduction to, not a substitute for a mission study class".
It requests that in future a full budget for Over Sea and Land be presented to General Council.

Philadelphia accepts all.

New York accepts all.

Northwest accepts all, except Financial 4 (Per cent. of Increase), page 3. It recommends that it read as follows: "A committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to report at the January meeting following the annual meeting," this change to be made in order that Central Committee may comply with an agreement made two or three years ago by Central Committee with the Executive Council of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions. In regard to this the Chairman of Central Committee asked the Secretary of the Executive Council of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions whether the present wording would be contrary to the spirit of the agreement made by Central Committee with the Executive Council. He said that he is quite sure that it will be entirely satisfactory to Council to have the wording as adopted by the majority of General Council stand.

Southwest accepts all with the following exceptions:
It voted no, to the recommendation to amend the Rules, allowing for a special meeting upon written request of three of the constituent Boards, considering that two meetings a year of General Council should be sufficient.
It votes against the definition of Extension work, considering this definition too narrow in its scope, as the last sentence reads "and does not refer to the securing of new members by the societies", etc. If this definition passes the Southwest Board believes it would be wise to change the name of this Department, as Extension Department would be a misnomer.

Occidental accepts all.

North Pacific accepts all.

According to Article 4, b and c, of the Rules, all matters which were considered in General Council and those referred to the Boards have been carried. If the Boards that suggested changes wish them carried out it will be necessary to bring them up as new business at the next meeting of General Council. The Chairmen of Committees will please notice that their Committees are now formally constituted and they should immediately proceed to do the work assigned to them.

Orders have been received from most of the Boards for the number of postals and imprint envelopes which they wish, and they will be sent as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Secretary.

For information only.
I will be responsible for
bringing to Woman's Board.
M.K.B.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

149 Bright Place,
Englewood, N. J.
March 9, 1917.

To
The Members of General Council
of the Woman's Boards of Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Dear Friends:

According to Article 4, Section E, of the Rules of General Council, "In the intervals between meetings of General Council business shall be transacted by correspondence with the Chairman and submitted to the members of the Council. Final decision shall be reached by a two-thirds vote representing equally the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions".

My attention has been called to the discrepancies in the various Standards of Excellence that have been printed by the seven Boards and to the fact that the four Standards, Synodical, Presbyterial, Local and Young People's, as finally accepted by General Council, do not agree in form, English, etc. It is suggested that request be made that the Boards do not print any more Standards until a final form be agreed upon.

It is further suggested that when such form has been accepted the printing be done by one Board and that the other Boards purchase from this one, in order that there may be absolute uniformity, and that the printing may be done more cheaply.

In accordance with these suggestions you are asked:-

1. To present to your Board the request that it print no more Standards of Excellence until a revised form has been submitted to it.

2. To learn whether your Board would wish to unite in a plan for one printing of these Standards, manuscript of such having been submitted to it.

3. To send at once, without waiting for action by your Board, to the Chairman of General Council, three copies of each Standard as printed by your Board, with suggestions as to verbal changes you would think wise.

It is the plan of the Chairman to submit these Standards to a Committee from the members of General Council, and to submit the results of their comparisons and their suggestions to the members of the Council, and through them to their Boards, promptly. This preliminary letter is sent that there may be no further printing, and that Board approval, in general, of the plan, may be secured.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

M. Katharine Burnett Chairman.

MKB/MM.

(Mrs. F. S.)

re. 1) Minutes of Jan. 1917.
2) Standards of Excellence
3) Object for College Girls

March 10, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
319 South 41 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

Your personal letter of March fifth, as well as the general letter to the members of General Council is at hand.

According to the rules governing General Council, "all matters requiring vote shall be decided by two-third's vote, representing equally the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions". According to that a negative vote by the Woman's Board of Home Missions causes any action to be lost. Do you understand that the ammendments made by the Home Board in the definition of "Program Meeting" and "Lecture Course" nullifies the action upon these definitions? Is it your understanding that these two definitions must lay over until the next meeting of General Council before being sent out? If this is not done and a further agreement reached, we shall not all be sending out the same definitions. In this particular case, the matter at issue is of course, not important, but our rulings on these matters are important.

I understand that "Financial IV" is carried as it stands in the Minutes, in spite of the recommendation of the Board of the Northwest, as that is but a one-twelfth vote of General Council. Likewise I understand that the negative votes of the Board of the Southwest concerning special meetings and definition of Extension Work, doesn't nullify the actions of General Council.

I further understand, that unless some one of the Boards involved in the negative actions shall reopen these questions, they are ended. I am being this explicit in order that we may have very definite rules and correspondence for future reference in the Council.

I am asking Miss Quinlan to prepare a complete set of Standards of Excellence for submission to the various Boards. Meanwhile, I am writing to the Council representatives of the Boards, calling their attention to the fact that these Standards are not identical, and asking that they do not reprint until further notice. There have already come letters from synodical and presbyterial offibers, calling attention to the fact that these are not identical, and also suggesting that the English is not very smooth. Of course we have had to do a great deal of work in the last year and a half and are all at a long range, but it really is too bad to send out things of which we are not very proud when they are completed.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Joint Student Committee in relation to a special object for college women. I had not taken this matter up in our Board as I was waiting for the final reports from General Council, supposing that no steps would be taken until after we had had such. The Word that came to me was the the Foreign Boards had already sent out into the colleges, the request for gifts for Tokio. I understand from your letter, that all of this matter is held in abeyance awaiting our decision, on the understanding that the motion was lost at the meeting of General Council, and that a new action is necessary. The whole matter came back to Joint Student Committee, I suppose, through Mrs. Harris and Miss Walker, who had heard at their Board meetings the discussion on this question. Joint Committee is very definitely opposed to the offering of an object to college girlas only, and any action to that effect by the Boards will lead to difficulties with the Committee.

It is my judgment (1) that the matter should be declared lost in General Council, as it was, (2) that the Foreign Boards should not give out an object to any one, and (3) that the whole matter should be taken up anew at June meeting of General Council.

As we have no Secretary at work now, and as new Committee will come into existence in June, I think this much the best plan. Will Central Committee agree to this postponement?

I do not see that Joint Committee has the right to demand a copy of actions that were sent by General Council to Boards, until after these have been acted upon by Boards; then they go to Committees, but not before; this Committee should have no different treatment than is accorded to any other. Of course, all that is wanted is a formal acknowledgment of the Committee, as members of that Committee have all these actions in the Minutes of General Council. Are you now notifying Joint Committees, as Student and Over Sea and Land, of decisions on actions?

Most sincerely yours,

MKB/MJM.
Enclosure.

1) re. Vote by General Council
2) Student Com.
3) Topics for 1918
4) Hall - Budget for J. Profile.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
March 14, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter of March 10th is received. Your question about the negative vote by the Woman's Board of Home Missions has driven me to the Rules governing General Council. In Article 4, c, the sentence reads, "The action of the Boards on these recommendations shall be sent as soon as possible to the Secretary of Geheral Council who shall tabulate them and send to the constituent Boards. Such recommendations receiving a two-thirds vote shall become actions and go into effect." That last sentence seems to me ambiguous. Does it mean a two-thirds vote of the seven Boards, or a two-thirds vote representing equally the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions ? When I sent the letter with the minutes I did not understand that the amendment made by the Home Board in the definitions of program meeting and lecture course nullified the action upon these definitions. I agree with you that in this particular case the matter at issue is not important, but that the rulings on the matters are.

I agree with you in your statements that Financial 4 is carried as it stands in the minutes, and also the statements in the minutes concerning special meetings, and the definition of extension work, since only one Board voted against all of these.

I have received your letter in regard to the standards of excellence and have given it to the Chairman of our Publication Committee, who will attend to it within a few days.

I have notified the Committees of General Council of all the actions sent by General Council to Boards which were ratified by the Boards.

I have also sent to Central Committee an extract of what you say to me about the object for college girls, and your three recommendations. I feel quite sure that the

Foreign Boards will agree with all three of them. The person who told you that the Foreign Boards have already sent out into the colleges the request for the gifts for Tokio was entirely mistaken. I am sure none of the Foreign Boards would think of doing such a thing since the Home Board had not assumed an object, without some definite understanding with you.

Your letter of March 10th to Mrs. Waid delighted my heart since I had seen Miss Walker March 9th and had made exactly the same statement to her, with one addition - I told her that the Chairman of every Committee is a member of General Council and thus the Committees received the information of all doings of General Council. I think it would be a great mistake to give Joint Committee a copy of the actions sent by General Council until they become final actions. I was amazed at the communication I received from Miss Walker, giving quotations from the minutes of Central Committee and from my letter to Central Committee. I find that Mrs. Wood did not give Central Committee minutes to Miss Walker, but did give her extracts from them regarding the Joint Committee. Of course she had already heard them as a member of the New York Board. She also quotes from General Council minutes, to which she might easily have access since Mrs. Waid had a copy of them, and also Mrs. Waters of the New York Foreign Board, but it seems to me that every member of General Council and of Central Committee should realize that these minutes are not to be given to people outside of the Committee. I think a great deal of confusion and uncomfortable feeling of the Student Committee arises from the fact that they saw these minutes before the final action had been taken. A certain amount of it however comes from the wording of the minutes of both Central Committee and General Council, and I wish to make a correction to the minutes of General Council, page 12, according to the suggestion in your letter of March 10th, adding to the sentence, "It was reported that the Home Board approves giving a Home and a Foreign object to the college girls and alumnae, but the Foreign Boards approve of giving them to undergraduates only", that "therefore the matter is lost".

Have you had a letter from Mrs. Pingry on the subject of changing the monthly topics for the year to make such readjustment between the Home and Foreign topics as will bring for consideration on the same months subjects naturally related? She asks me to come to a Committee meeting on the 16th to represent Woman's Work, together with representatives of the Assembly Herald and the Home Mission Monthly. I have written her that I cannot come at that time but I expect to be in New York on the 15th, and that it seems to me this is a Board matter rather than one for the magazines to decide. She says, "Our Committee appoints Miss Finks representative with power for the Home Mission Monthly." I will be very glad if these subjects could be unified, but I am under an impression that an

attempt was made since the Chicago Conference and fell somewhere; I do not remember where.

I have had a letter from Mr. Hall in regard to a suggested budget for Young People's Societies. You remember that was on the docket for General Council but the time failed for us to consider it. I have written Mr. Hall that Central Committee approves and I gather from his letter that he means to make a direct request to you and to the Freedmen's Board. I am wondering whether you think that no action should be taken until General Council formally acts upon it, or whether the action of the three individual Boards would be sufficient.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge
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(Dictated, but
not read)

re) 1. Object for College Girls

General Council
OF THE
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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
March 22, 1917.

To the Members of General Council.

Dear Friends:

My attention has been called to the indefinite statement on page 12 of the minutes of General Council of January 17th, in regard to the object for gifts of undergraduates and alumnae. It is the last sentence in the paragraph next to the last one on that page. The last phrase should read "but the Foreign Boards approve of giving them to undergraduates only," with the addition, "and that therefore the matter is closed." The Foreign Boards were prepared to suggest an object on the Foreign Field if the Home Board had a similar one to offer on the Home Field, but since it had none the Foreign Boards did not present their object." It is hardly necessary to add that Central Committee of the Foreign Boards has not offered this object and has no thought of doing so unless the Home Board offers one.

A letter from the Chairman of General Council in regard to this subject, under date of March 10th, has the following statement: "It is my judgment (1) that the matter should be declared lost in General Council, as it was, (2) that the Foreign Boards should not give out an object to any one, and (3) that the whole matter should be taken up anew at the June meeting of General Council." Although I have not yet had time to hear from the Foreign Boards I am quite sure that they will agree to all these points; therefore it will be on the docket for the June meeting, and I am sending you now the amendment to the minutes, making it perfectly clear that the matter was lost.

The Chairman of General Council requests me to ask that no Board print the mission study definitions which occur on pages 9 and 10 of the minutes, but that they wait until the Secretary of Publications is elected, who can then attend to their printing in sufficient quantity for all the Boards to use, and thus insure that all have exactly the same wording.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Secretary.

nc) 1- Standards of Excellence

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
March 23, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I enclose my amendments to the minutes of General Council, and the suggestion which you made in regard to the printing of Standards.

I have heard from Mrs. Coy about the attitude of the Northwest Board. She says "Immediately after the meeting of General Council last October all of our Synodical presidents received copies of what we supposed were the final actions on the Standards of Excellence. We expected our Synodical presidents to pass them on to Presbyterial Presidents in the same way that all our communications are sent down the line. We considered it the responsibility of Synodical and Presbyterial organizations. Our Board did not expect to print the Standards and did not think any other Board did. There seems to have been considerable misunderstanding about the whole matter in one of our Synodical Societies, and doubtless the one to which Mrs. Bennett referred, and we had just now decided to print the Standards for our entire constituency. The material was in the hands of the printer when Mrs. Bennett's letter arrived, asking the Boards not to print any at this time." I am not quite certain from this letter whether they have stopped printing or not, but rather imgine they have stopped it.

I had a letter from Mrs. Waid apologizing for the mistake about that Committee meeting, but I really was glad for the mistake, because it gave me an opportunity for several conferences with individuals which I had been wanting very much.

We had an interesting conference this morning about missionary education, and our relation with the Department of Religious Education of the Board of Publication. Miss Petrie will tell you all about it. She asked a number of very valuable questions, which brought out points which needed to be elucidated.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

w/1- Standards of Excellence

March 27, 1917.
(Dict. March 26)

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge

I have at hand unanswered your letter of March fourteenth, as well as your later letter of March twenty-fifth, and your circular letter of March twenty-second.

I think the letter of March fourteenth needs no further reply, as I have seen you since that date, except that I want to report on the matter of the Standards of Exeellence. I have heard from all the Boards, except the Occidental, relative to this matter. All approve of rewording and of having one printing, and as most of the Boards have not printed this seems not difficult to accomplish. As soon as I have heard from San Francisco, I will report this matter to a Committee to consist of Miss Quinlan, Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Webb, as it seems desirable to have a Committee that can meet together.

I have received from each Board copies of all the Standards that they have printed so that the Committee can ~~preside~~ at once. So soon as they have accomplished their work the results can be submitted to the Boards and the printing done without waiting for another meeting of General Council.

In sending the manuscript we would of course ask how many copies each one would wish to order, so that we could approximate the right number in printing. I do not know how to decide on a Board to do this, although I am sure my own Board would be very glad to act as the agency.

Mrs. Coy wrote me that they had succeeded in stopping the printing of the Standards. I think that a representative from the Northwest Board and one from our Board will have to go to the synodical society that causes us so much trouble together, and see if we cannot straighten things out. I fancy there is some local jealousy that brings about so many conflicts.

Thank you for the very clear general letter of March twenty-second, which decides without any question the matter of object for students. That will be on the docket for the June meeting of the Council, as will the printing of definitions for Mission Study work, and also the question of adding to ARTICLE IV, Section C of the Standing Rules of General Council, the phrase similar to that in use in the other sections, that the two-third's

vote must be "representing equally the Home and Foreign Mission Boards". If this is not to be included we should very definitely understand it, as it makes an entirely different arrangement and as we have said, it is important now that we settle these details before an important matter comes up to which it might be difficult to secure an agreement. So far there doesn't seem to be a very large docket for the June meeting, but as elections come at that time I suppose we shall need to give considerable time to those.

Have you any idea when Central Committee will meet? If we go to Dallas we will hardly get back until June first, so that I shall hope we shall not have the meeting of General Council too early.

I am afraid this letter is not very clear, but there have been a good many interruptions while I was trying to dictate it.

Miss Petrie has just had time to say that the conference was held last Friday. We promise ourselves that tomorrow we will find time to take it up in detail.

Believe me that I am,

Most cordially yours,

MHB-MJM.

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3/ 27,1917 Oswego,Kansas.

The Sec'y for General Work,Home Board,New York City:-

Please Place this Plea in the hands of the Committee on the "Uniform Standard of Excellence for Woman's Auxiliary Societies" at your earliest Convenience.

Dear Committee:- I am asked to report to you my experience in Kansas with Extension Work and my discoveries during four years of constant experienc both as local worker at Oswego,and Presbyterial Worker for Neosho Presby tery. I see a GREAT FUTURE for this Extension Work.If it is faithfully carried on it will raise our Presbyterial to the "Nth" power of efficiency Our President,Mrs Russell,has seen how greatly Neosho has advanced in thes four years.Not only have"shut ins" been reachedand school teachers,clerks and others who never can come to the afternoon meetings,but the real mem bers who were satisfied with doing a little for Missions,have been aroused to give largely,They are INFORMED. Many of them are shy about taking the Magazines.In Covers(that serve for Home as well as Foreign Missions)They all receive each month leaflets upon the subjects assigned in the Year book,and Prayer Calendar,carefully selected. The Local Extension worker is instructed to keep these circulating among the members of that Circle, Each reader signs her name and tries to find another reader in the house. Classes for both Year Book and Calendar are formed and PRAYER daily is insisted upon. This has not yet been wholly successful all over the Pres byterial, but it is gaining ground .In Oswego,where I do my own Extension work in order to understand the difficulties that beset the other workers. The first year I was warily avoided often,and the Prayers that went with each presentation were fervent indeed. But now every member of the local

cycle takes the Year-Book and about two thirds take the Prayer Calendar also. They come to me and ask for leaflets upon the topics assigned them other than those in the booklets. We have several Literary Clubs whose members apply to me for literature on the Countries that I am known to handle. Our Meetings are more interesting every month. We study a text book on Missions now in open meeting. The members taking part with intelligence and vigor. You may not credit it but hardly any of our local women Prayed for Missions before we had this Extension Work started.

In the boundaries of our Presbyterial, I am constantly receiving grateful letters of thanks for the leaflets and glad willingness to distribute the helpful leaflets. Now and then they offer to send me money to carry it on I believe in the sequel they will furnish enough cash to really float the enterprise. Up to date the outlay is nearly ten dollars a month and the income about ten dollars a year, or less. Mrs Goldsmith's help and advice have been a great comfort to me, We correspond and I am frequently asked by other Presbyterial workers, how to carry on Extension Work.

These four years have been an object lesson made for the purpose of really testing out the system. This year We call it <u>Team Work</u> Every worker tries to raise the intelligence of her little band as the year passes. Our own Circle went beyond our highest hopes to a record mark. Our Treasurer would not let us make it higher, for she said we must not <u>fall</u> <u>behind next</u> year!

The great hindrance to devoted work is lack of FAITH IN GOD.

When I began I told our local president not to expect me to give as much as formerly, as I should be obliged to carry the entire load of expense. She agreed, But God soon showed me that giving is not impoverishing, when God's Kingdom is the Receiver. We Kansas people take care of our own Home Missions and we have a mining Camps Region with Community workers all <u>inside our Presbyterial</u>. The Synod helps of course, but our churches are greatly benefitted by this fact.

In place of giving less than formerly I am able to do more, much more than before I became intelligent in Missions.

Systematic Feeding of the Societies is one advantage, Another is the urgent need of regular and sustained reminders each month about the first of the month that preparation must be made for a Missionary Meeting.
A third advantage is the waking up of the LITERATURE SUP'T to her duty as they were all very slack in trying to get Subscribers for the H.M.M. and the "WOMAN'S WORK. In getting them to use the Year Books I was looked upon as a "Meddlesome Matty" But if the regular workers will not attend to it SOME ONE MUST. Our Oswego Literature Supt.has been rotated out and a new one appointed,who promises to attend to her duty in time if I will give her a list of the women who bought the year books this year.
I am sorry to have had to lay bare my work to the Committee,But I was asked to do so that they might reconsider the Question of discontinuing Extension Work from the Standard of Excellence.

Your Eastern Women are ,no doubt much in advance of our South West Board Andperhaps they do not require such drastic treatment.But here it is different. Our women go to Picture Shows and belittle their minds with Card playing. Things have to be well advertised before they can notice what is their duty to the KINGDOM OF GOD.
We have a few saints who are rapidly being translated to glory.Energetic forcible Feeding must be administered in some instances! for the proletariat. When the Officers are converted to attend to their diet,we can advance on the others with loving kindness.
Forgive my feeble effort to plead for Extension Work on the Standard.I have put so much into it that just when I am reaping the reward I cannot see it all snuffed out.
Yours Cordially, Mrs A.D.Carpenter.

Standing Rules

Ex. IV

April 2, 1917.

Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
Chairman of Committee on Rewording
Standing Rules of General Council,
716 Warburton Avenue,
Yonkers, N. Y.

My dear Miss Quinlan:

I was surprised the other day, when it was necessary to rule on a General Council matter, to find that under Article IV - Power - in Section B and C, the phrase "representing equally the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions" had been omitted.

It is true that in Section D it says that "all matters", but we should either remove the phrase, it seems to me, from Sections A and E, or else should insert it in B and C. My attention was called to this by the fact that Miss Hodge as Secretary, ruled, or was inclined rather to rule that where this expression was omitted, two-thirds meant two-thirds of seven Boards. You can see that this would cause confusion.

While this matter is in your hands, I know you will want me to suggest things as they come up.

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

April 2, 1917.

Mrs. James E. Webb, Jr.
Madison,
New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Webb:

I have been looking over the Standing Rules of General Council and especially that referring to the Nominating Committee. The wording there is, "This Committee shall after consultation with the Boards, present at the next Annual Meeting, and so forth".

I am simply calling your attention to this because it seems to me it allows of a more informal procedure than the asking of nominations from each Board, if it would seem better to the Committee to take up this matter with less formality. I simply suggest this as a possible solution.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/MH.

re Standing Rules

April 2, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Secretary of General Council,
319 South 41 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

In looking over the Standing Rules of General Council, I note that in Article IV, Section D, it says, "All matters requiring vote shall be decided by a two-third's vote, representing equally the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions". That would seem to answer the question that arose concerning the ommission in Section C of the last clause.

I am simply calling attention to this that we may all be clear concerning any rulings on these matters.

I have written the Chairman of the Committee on Rewording Standing Rules, that it seems to me that this last clause should be omitted from all the sections except D, or else be placed in all. Would you not thinksso?

I do not want to keep on correcting Standing Rules indefinitely, but Article VI, I fear will cause confusion, unless it is worded differently. In Section B, it says, that,"the Secretary for Westminster Guild shall bring to General Council", and so forth. That is it makes her the line of approach from the Boards, a Board either sending its recommendations to her directly, or sending them to her through the Committee on Westminster Guild of the Board sending recommendations. The return would probably be by the same method.

On the other hand in Section C there is no mention of the way approach is to be made. Contradicting Article VI, Section B, is ArticleIX, which says that the approach is by way of a Board. Questions are already arising as to the method of approach, and I feel we cannot spend time to better advantage at present, than in trying to straighten out these matters and have them very clear.

I am suggesting them at this time that you may be thinking them over.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB-MJM.

This is your copy as a member of the Committee on Nominations. The other being for use as President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions

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Madison, N. J.,
April 5, 1917.

My dear

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Your reply was duly received and filed but the nominations were not taken up at that meeting because of the stipulation in the By-laws that the Committee on Nominations shall present the names at the Annual Meeting.

At the meeting of General Council on January 17th, a standing committee on "Over Sea and Land" was authorized in accordance with By-Law 5 Section (a). Its membership and duties were defined as you will see in the minutes of that meeting, page 4.

To quote from those minutes, "The Membership shall consist of six members, three from the Woman's Board of Home Missions and three from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to be elected at the Annual Meeting of General Council the names to be presented by the Nominating Committee after consultation with the Boards."

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I know that you will give this matter your early consideration and I shall greatly appreciate a reply by April 23.

Very cordially yours,

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Very cordially yours,

(Thos James A. Jr.) Nathan S. Webb

re 1) Standing Rules
2) Mr. Cochran
3) Miss Langhlin
4) % of increase for 1917-18

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501 Witherspoon Building,
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April 5, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have had a letter from Mrs. Bissland about Dallas, and she seems to have had some misunderstanding with you and your Committee about the conference. I understood from you that your Board would be glad to have a division of the topics between the Home and Foreign days, but your letter to Mrs. Bissland of March 28th sounds as if your Committee now had another plan. I suggested to Mrs. Bissland one of two things. Either that she ask you to divide the topics, or else to say that since you are considering organization as a whole, they will take up the particular points where they think information is most needed. I think she feels the responsibility of planning such a meeting and does not exactly know always how to proceed, but that she really wants to do her share in cooperating.

I am very sorry that you have put me on the Committee for rewording the Standards, but I have written Miss Quinlan giving her times when it will be possible for me to be in New York.

The points you make in your letter of the second instant in regard to the standing Rules seem to me very well taken. I do not want to quibble, but in Article 4, section d, what is meant by <u>all</u> matters requiring vote ? Does that mean matters that come up both in Council and between meetings of Council ? I agree with your suggestion that that last clause, "representing equally the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions"should be omitted from all sections except d, or else placed in all. I too, have been studying sections b and c in Article 6, and realizing that c is not specific enough; also that Article 9 seems to be contradictory, and surely we ought to have our Rules framed so that we can all understand them.

I believe we would do much better work at the meeting if we should take two days, giving up the evening to committee work. Many of the points that come up could be settled if we had another session after they were referred to a Committee and would save much correspondence as well as time. I think that we will still have to give a good deal of time to the Student Committee as well as to W. G. and very likely to the duties of the Publication Secretary, judging from the discussion that took place in January. I wish these could all be definitely settled.

I have suggested to Central Committee that we meet on the 14th of June, which is the day after the close of the Conference for Newly Appointed Missionaries. This would mean that we would meet with the General Board on the 18th, Monday. It is barely possible that our meeting will be two weeks earlier than that, to fit in with the meeting of the General Board.on the 4th of June, but I think the later date is the more probable one. In that case when would it suit you to have General Council meeting? You suggested we meet outside of New York. I am making that proposition to Central Committee and wonder if you will be able to find the place. Mrs. Waters suggested Forest Hills and seems to know something about that. I will let you know assoon as the Central Committee date is settled.

I had a conversation not long ago with a member of the Board of Education who knew nothing whatever of Dr. Cochran's proposition to the Student Committee and confirmed me in my belief that it is Dr. Cochran's personal suggestion and not that of his Board. In view of the fact that he may not be Secretary of the new Board of Education I have been wondering whether it would be wise to leave the matter alone for the present, but I have an idea that sooner or later it will have to be discussed and perhaps we might as well do it now as any other time. I have carefully studied the minutes of the two Cleveland conferences and cannot find that we are committed to such a program as he outlines. I have not yet learned whether the Boards authorized the Student Committee to participate in those conferences, or whether the Committee sent a delegate on the request of Dr. Cochran and reported to the Boards. Since none of us objected we have tacitly given our approval.

You have seen in the minutes of the Student Committee of March 21st, the request that Miss Laughlin be allowed to present their point of view in regard to giving an object to the alumnae. I think it is only fair to them that this should be done. Miss Walker calls my attention to it as Secretary for General Council but I presume that you,as Chairman,are really the one who should decided about it.

Miss Schultz, our Field Secretary, is in Ohio at present, and calls my attention to two statements in the Ohio News Letter, one from the Foreign Synodical President quoting from the Spring letter of our Board as follows: "Another cause for rejoicing is that the Philadelphia Board, along with the Home Board, will ask for a 5 per cent increase only for 1917-18." In the same News Letter is a quotation from the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Synodical Society as follows: "The Woman's Board of Home Missions sends word that no 'Special' will be asked for this year, but a ten per cent increase for regular work, instead of the five per cent, as first planned. Will Presbyterial Treasurers so plan their apportionments." Miss Schultz says, "Mrs. Cummings, Home Presbyterial President of St. Clairsville, has just handed to me her apportionment for 1917-18. It was all made out for the 5 per cent increase and then at the end the following note: 'Word just received from the Board says they will not present any 'special' for 1917-18, but will ask an increase of 10 per cent in gifts for current work in 1915-16. This will make your total $1860. The amount asked for in the apportionment for 1917-18 as made out before this last word from the Board was $1775.'" Miss Schultz adds, "This I suppose explains the 10 per cent increase for two years, but it is certainly very misleading and will not be understood by any of the women." I am sure your Board did not mean to depart from the agreement to notify the other Boards of any change in plans, but I agree with Miss Schultz that it is rather disconcerting when our Board had chosen the comparatively low percent of increase for next year because yours had also done so to find that you have changed your minds. However, as our Latin America Fund is not yet closed, and there is a possibility of another "special", I suppose the two pleas will about balance each other.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

re) 1. Dallas X
2) Student Conf.

April 12, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
319 South 41 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

Thank you for your letter of April eleventh relative to the meeting at Dallas. I feel that the whole thing has been most unfortunate and it is one that I wish we might have avoided, but I was thoroughly impressed with the fact that Mrs. Bissland thought it better for each of us to plan our meetings separate, and the matter of further conference had not entered my mind.

I would be very glad to make any possible adjustment now, were it possible to do so. The Committee having the matter in charge for us have made all plans to show how the organizations, auxiliary to us are united to the Board, and any change now would probably disrupt their plan. As we only will have about forty minutes for methods, you will understand that there is room for discussion at the Monday meeting.

I too was sorry to place you on the Committee for Rewording the Standards, for you have more to do than you ought to have now, but the difficulty seemed to be that there would be only two Boards - the New York Foreign Board and our Board - that could be represented unless you took this. It seemed impossible to do it quickly and satisfactorily by correspondence.

To answer your question concerning Standing Rules I would say that the "all matters" in Article IV, Section D, means matters that come up in Council meetings and those that are carried on by correspondence between meetings of the Council. I do not believe that we can make any other interpretation.

We will have to give time enough to the next meeting of General Council to be sure that the Committees are all started safely on their journeys, and I do not think that two days will be more than enough for this. I was going to suggest that we meet out at Monomonock Inn, Caldwell, New Jersey, just outside of Montclair. It is a large hotel in the country in a breezy spot, and at that time of the year would be rather empty. I spoke with Mrs. Webb of it yesterday and she said that she had it in mind to suggest the same place. I will telephone Mrs. Wabers about it.

Now as to dates. Do I understand that if Central Committee meets on the fourteenth of June and you meet with the General Board on the eighteenth, that the days for General Council would be the fifteenth and sixteenth; or would we have to wait for General Council until the nineteenth and twentieth?

The fifteenth and sixteenth would be satisfactory to me. The first and second of June would seem to be a little early, although possibly it could be adjusted. I shall wait final decision from you as to the other meetings for which the ladies will be in New York.

You have received my postal card relative to having a representative of the Board of Education meet with us in June. There are only five answers in yet, four from my own Board and these all vote"yes". I shall have to wait of course, until the vote is complete before reaching a decision. The Boards did not authorize members of the Student Committee to participate in the Cleveland Conference I think, I was present at the first one, but went as a representative of the Y.W.C.A., being on their Advisory Committee at that time. Dr. Cochran asked Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Waid to go. I do not recall that the matter ever came up before anyone except Joint Committee. I may be mistaken in this matter, but think I am not. I feel sure that it would have been impossible to secure a vote from the seven Boards and no one Board had the authority to give this permission. The group represented by Dr. Cochran had the right to have just so many delegates, and he shared his time. I think I am also correct in saying, that Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Waid took no part in the discussions. I do not recall just now who went this last year, or whether any one went.

Relative to the request of Student Committee, that Miss Laughlin be allowed to present their point of view, it seems to me that as the matter is already on the docket to be reopened in June, because of the misunderstanding, that the request of the Joint Student Committee should be heard and Miss Laughlin should be allowed to present their point of view. Will you communicate this decision to Miss Walker, please?

Believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

re 1) Standing Rules
2) Mrs. Cochran

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
April 18, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you for your two letters of April 12th. In regard to the one on various matters of General Council, I will take them up seriatim.

I do not see what more there is to do about the Dallas matter. I shall quote to Mrs. Hssland the sentence from your letter explaining just how you mean to treat the organizations and the length of time you propose to have for your methods conference.

I enjoyed working on the Committee on Standards, so you need not feel particularly sorry about having put me on it.

I think your interpretation of "all matters" in Article 4, section d, is right. Thank you for your suggestion about a place for General Council to meet. Central Committee has voted to meet on June 14th and I will be glad if you will decide, in consultation with Mrs. Halsey Wood, as to the place of meeting for Central Committee and General Council. I mentioned Mrs. Waters having suggested Forest Hills, but Mrs. Wood is the person who is appointed to attend to the details of that arrangement for us. Monomonock Inn sounds very delightful. I do not think it will be possible for us to meet with General Council June 15th and 16th, for Central Committee has a good deal of business to do in preparation for its meeting with the General Board on the 18th, and I thought if the 19th and 20th were not too late for you to have General Council meeting, those would be better days for Central Committee.

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In my letter of April 5th I meant to say clearly that I vote in favor of having Dr. Cochran meet with us and present the matter which is so on his heart. As I wrote you in that letter it apparently has not yet become a formal proposition from the Board of Education, and therefore I would hesitate inviting any one except Dr. Cochran himself.

I will notify Miss Walker that we want Miss Laughlin to speak at General Council on the request of the Student Committee for a special object for the gifts of college girls.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

re Miss Cochran
2) docket & annual Meeting

April 25, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
314 South 41 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

Let me say first of all that I leave on Thursday of this week for the Southwest and shall not be back until the very end of May. Any mail would better be sent to "156" from which place it will be forwarded to me.

I have taken up with Mrs. Wood the question of a meeting place for General Council and have suggested to her Monomonock Inn, Caldwell. The nineteenth and twentieth is of course rather late, but I think we can secure our members, as probably fewer will be going away to a distance, than usual. I think it would be well to send out notices to the members of General Council as soon as possible in order that the time may be reserved. Tomorrow will be our Annual Meeting and we will name the new members of General Council at that time, I will see that the name of the six members and of the six alternates with addresses is sent you at once.

The vote in favor of inviting Dr. Cochran to meet with us has been unanimous, with but one more to hear from. Therefore, I think it is perfectly safe to extend the invitation to him. I suppose there should be a time named for both him and Miss Laughlin. How would it do to name two o'clock on the afternoon of the nineteenth as the time to take up Student Work?

I enclose to you a copy of the docket for General Council, as I have prepared it up to date. This docket should I suppose, go to the Boards in order that delegates may be instructed as fully as possible. Will you please send the official docket to the representative of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, whose name stands second on the list that is sent you? In my absence she will present it to the Board.,

Under "New Business" you will note that the Woman's Board of Home Missions has again sent back to General Council the question of two Specials in the same year.- that is a Home and Foreign one. Some of the members felt that we should alternate. <u>Two</u> under "New Business" is a protest on the question of the Extension Department and is addressed to General Council. <u>Three</u> - we have had some questions about changes that might improve report blanks and it seems best to bring this up and finish it. <u>Four</u> - there seem to be a great many suggested divisions floating about. Various Boards offer various solutions and much confusion seems to exist. It may at least be well to bring this up and see if we cannot do something definite with it.

I trust that my absence is not going to embarrass you. Please believe that I shall be very glad to have you proceed in this matter as far as you possibly can without consultation.

Most cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.
Enclosure.

April 23, 1917.

Mrs. Halsey Wood,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Wood:

Miss Hodge wrote me some time ago as to a place where General Council could meet in June. I wrote and suggested Monomonock Inn, Caldwell, New Jersey, as a place that had seemed to both Mrs. Webb and myself to be satisfactory.

Miss Hodge now writes, "Thank you for your suggestion about a place for General Council to meet. Central Committee has voted to meet on June fourteenth, and I will be very glad if you will decide in consultation with Mrs. Halsey Wood as to the place of meeting for Central Committee and General Council. Monomonock Inn sounds very delightful. I do not think it will be possible for us to meet with General Council June fifteenth and sixteenth, for Central Committee has a good deal of business to do in preparation for its meeting with the General Board on the eighteenth, and I thought if the nineteenth and twentieth were not too late for you to have General Council meet, thosewould be better days for Central Committee".

I am writing Miss Hodge that we shall be very glad to meet on the nineteenth and twentieth to that effect.

I leave on Thursday of this week for a trip to some of our mission schools in the West and shall be away until the very end of May. I wonder if you could let me know before that time whether Monomonock Inn seems to you a satisfactory place for the meeting of General Council? If so I will notify my members of the Council to that effect before I leave. As you make arrangements for Central Committee, I wonder if you would say to the management of the Inn that there will be eight or nine extra people coming for the nineteenth and twentieth.

I do not fancy that the house will be so full that we shall need to engage the exact rooms beforehand. If you do not know Caldwell I might say it is just a couple of miles out of Montclair, and can be reached by trolley from D.L.&W. Station from Montclair, or by railroad on the Erie.

Very cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

re/ Use of Term "Auxiliary"

April 24, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
319 South 41 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I have at hand your two letters of April eighteenth. I too shall be very glad if the seven Boards can in June reach a definite arrangement as to percents, etc., for the future. The mere fact that we are supposed in the eyes of the general public to be working on one united plan, makes the present position most difficult.

I am a little afraid that Miss Quinlan went too far in relation to the attitude of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, as to the use of the word "auxiliary". Miss Quinlan herself does not like the use of the word and the matter has been discussed, but our Article VIII in the By-laws is headed "Auxiliary Organizations". We did strike out the word "auxiliary" in the one section of that By-law where we said, "No new synodical society shall be organized with less than fifteen woman's missionary societies". This formerly said "auxiliary societies", but as it was often misunderstood to mean Bands,etc., and we very definitely meant woman's societies, we made that change. I think it might be well possibly to put the use of this word on the docket for the June meeting, for we have had a number of requests that it be changed.

I hope that every matter that comes up can be taken up as far as possible before the meetings of General Council in order that we shall not find ourselves in too much confusion with the time for the meeting comes.

Very faithfully yours,

MKB—MJM.

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MRS. HALSEY L. WOOD
156 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK CITY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

April 24th, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Englewood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I have yours of April 23rd, and since you are such a bird of passage, reply at once to say that I think your suggestion of the Monomomock Inn for the meetings of Central Committee and General Council, most admirable. It is a sweet, quiet place, with comfortable rooms and excellent table. I shall be glad to say to the management of the Inn that there will be eight or nine extra people coming for the 19th and 20th.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Halsey L.) Mary W. Wood

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April 25, 1917.

To the Members and Alternates
of General Council.

Dear Friends:

I am sending you now an informal announcement that the Annual Meeting of General Council will probably be held on June nineteenth and twentieth and the place of the meeting will probably be Monomonock Inn, Caldwell, New Jersey.

The date is so late as it must be placed at a time when Central Committee members are in New York. This year their meeting comes very late owing to the fact that members of the Foreign Board and others will be in Dallas early. It was felt that if the meeting could be held away from New York it would be less confusing and wearisome.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. F. S.) M. Katharine Bennett
for M.

MKB-MJM.

Personally dictated, but signed in writer's absence to expedite delivery.

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"Come thou with us. and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel" Numbers 10-29

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MRS. A. D. CARPENTER, Oswego
Secretary of Extension Department

Oswego, Kansas, April 26, 1917.

My Dear Mrs Bennett:

Since receiving your comprehensive letter I have thought much about Extension work. We are far out from New York where the women of our church are College bred and accustomed to conservative action. "Out here in Kansas" women are apt to be eccentric and use hatchets when the reforms they are longing to see accomplished seem to be lethargic! Listen, I am sixty years old, yes sixty two years and past, I do not expect to upset any conventions, but I believe I have seen a VISION. Dry bones in every church coming together and waking to LIFE. Missionary Circles are to be aroused and enthusiastic. They begin to give, and the giving creates in them a hunger and thirst to GIVE. So has it been in our Oswego society From being a mere Figure-head our President has become a live wire. Our formerly mildly interested women go to Presbyterial meeting and are happily stirred to action on their return. Our Praise Meeting reached a high water mark in all its history, a thing which we expect to exceed this year. After all what has our Extension work been but plain business sense. All the Business world knows that ADVERTISEMENT of their special line LAVISHLY carried on will bring immediate and satisfactory results. And this must not be discontinued, but systematically carried on in ever fresh and varied persistancy from year to year. Our Missionary Enterprise is the REAL BUSINESS of the Presbyterian Church. Its only excuse for being in the World. This was so declared in one of the first Assemblies many years ago. Now in Christ's own words "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the Children of Light"

They carry on their enterprise with vigorous sowing of INFORMATION about its purpose, its advantages, its fascinating details etc, etc. We crawl along meekly with a little handful of magazines and modestly get as few as pos sible to subscribe for them. We are afraid to ask the women to spend money for tools for fear they will give that much less to Missions.

The World spends thousands of dollars advertising its enterprise, while we economise in every way lest we take from our already poor supplythe needed funds for Missionary work. The WORLD KNOWS that it will get back with great increase in interest all that it puts forth in advertising.

We have the Command to cast our Bread upon the waters. and the promise of God upon our ventures when we seek His Counsel and his never failing bles sing when we pray. Where is our Faith? Where is our COMMON SENSE?

Extension Work appears to me a much larger thing than the mere giving of literature to the "Shut in "and the outsider. That I am doing; and its fut ility struck me, when awakened women should venture to come into our circle, finding lukewarm and lethargetic women halfheartedly carrying out a programme each performer doing not a jot or tittle more than the law of convention allows; what would the result be? Either a double loss to the Circle of a new membership, andthe loss to God of an awakened worker. Or the Newly awakened woman would go elsewhere to be a consecrated helper.

We must first begin at Jerusalem and arouse our own societies to activi ty, and then we are in a position to receive outsiders.

So I have sown lavishly in Oswego, and our growth in enthusiasm has been delightful We now have second place in the Presbyterial in the matter of giving, while our church is away smaller than at least seven or eight of our fellow churches both in numbers and cash. Three of our Women have been put on the Officers list of the Presbyterial and re-elected. Before we had Extension Work we had never been represented on the Officer's list.

We have to Praise GOD for this, since His is all the glory. He answered our humble prayers for a blessing upon each leaflet He helped us to a right Vision of duty. He furnished the cash for carrying on the enterprise or the

demonstration of what a systematic education would do to a Church. A more unpromising worker than I could never have been found. A woman who well knew the value of Missions and yet who for YEARS had been indifferent! Like the Gospel Hardened sinner whom the Evangelist dreads to encounter. The first YEAR I was appointed I tried to begin work and when I found that no funds were to be furnished ,I let it slip through my fingers.At the las I was awakened by a letter from the Synodical Extension worker.I had been halted by a broken arm and was forced to read and sit in state for some time. Here began the Vision and like Paul ,I was not disobedient to the Heavenly Vision.It has been four years now that the work has been growing. I receive letters from other Presbyterial Extension Workers in our Synod and have helped them as the light came to me. One Extension Worker from Oklahoma was pleased to write me for counsel. and Mrs Golismith and I have been co workers and have helped each other.We agreed over a year ago that since Home Mission work ought to be Extended,we ,that is,I,could just include both kinds of literature,and then I had the covers printed that I am showing you sent under another cover.The experiment of bringing them to Presbyterial was not wholly successful since I was ill and unable to attend and carry on the demonstration. But the eight or nine women who went to Presbyterial from Oswego brought back a good report of the evident working of the plan upon all the societies. Since the meeting,I have had request# from a small society to furnish them with Year Books and Prayer Calendars,After consulting with Mrs R.O.Deming whose name you see on the letter head.I decided to do this.They had sent $1.50 in recognition of former literature etc. But I also wrote to themto form an Intercessory Class in their circle,and in November to collect from this class the mone to order 1918 books early so as to begin January all together. The Presi dent is the Extension Worker in this Circle.They are quite enthusiastic. Dear Mrs Bennett I hope I have made it plain that this demonstration prove conclusively that#Extension Work is worth while,that it should be regard ed as nessary and provided for by higher officers.Publicity is needed.

Often I find the Secretary of literature in a local circle, is willing to be and is appointed Extension Worker. Provide as you think best for Conventional officers, but see to it that Extension Work is carried on in a positive aggressive manner in every quarter of our vast Constituency. It will bring large returns when the worker is consecrated and prayerful. As a mere business proposition it will increase funds. and bring a welcome enthusiasm into the entire force of workers.

Yours very respectfully, Mrs A.D.Carpenter.

I send you the output that I am mailing this morning to 34 societies. or rather churches In some cases there is no missionary Society But an interest has been manifest - and we hope for results. I also put in the old style cover for Foreign missions Hills-dale is only two years old - They were helped to start by asking a waiting pastor for information He directed them to me. and they began with what I joyfully supplied them - in my innocence I thought it All Right - to feed and nourish these lambs. I have never seen them as they are remote from our town - But they correspond - with me.

Kansas finances her own Home Mission work that is why we do for our S.S. children the Extension information work. I enclose a leaflet - and refer you to page 23 of the Prayer Calendar

Tuesday March 27. Yours - again

Mrs A. D. C.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Docket for annual meeting June 1917

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
May 1, 1917.

To the Members of General Council.

Dear Friends:

I am requested by Mrs. Bennett to send out the enclosed docket for the annual meeting of General Council, which is called for June 19th and 20th, the place to be decided upon later.

Very few suggestions have been received from any of the Woman's Boards. Certain explanations made by Mrs. Bennett are as follows:

"Under 'New Business' you will note that the Woman's Board of Home Missions has again sent back to General Council the question of two Specials in the same year - that is a Home and Foreign one. Some of the members felt that we should alternate. Two under 'New Business' is a protest on the question of the Extension Department and is addressed to General Council. Three - we have had some questions about changes that might improve report blanks and it seems best to bring this up and finish it. Four - there seem to be a great many suggested divisions floating about. Various Boards offer various solutions and much confusion seems to exist. It may at least be well to bring this up and see if we cannot do something definite about it."

Under"Unfinished Business", b, I quote from a request of the Committee on Student Work sent in March to the Secretary of General Council.

"Appreciating the many varied and important subjects with which General Council is called upon to deal; and realizing the pressure of time and strength under which its sessions are held,- The Student Committee trusts it may not be misunderstood when it respectfully states its belief that a recent adverse ruling (in regard to Board Student Secretaries' follow-up work being done on a joint Home and Foreign basis) may have been the result of the Committee's failure

to set forth with sufficient clearness the practical situation that must be met, and the successive developments of study and experiment which led up to the present carefully matured plan.

"We would therefore ask for a reconsideration of the subject at the time of General Council's meeting in June, with an opportunity for Miss Laughlin to present the situation more fully and informally than is possible in a typewritten motion."

You have received from Miss Quinlan, Chairman of the Committee on revising the Standards, the proposed revisions. She has asked you to return to me your vote on the matter. Mrs. Bennett has asked me to call to the attention of the Boards the fact that any change made by any Board will make it necessary to hold over the printing of the Standards until the meeting of General Council. She hopes therefore that there will be no change so they can be printed immediately. The Home Board generously offers to finance the matter of printing, and Mrs. Bennett suggests that it be done under the supervision of the Secretary of General Council. My plan is that it should be done under her supervision, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee who revised them.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Secretary.

MRS. HALSEY L. WOOD
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NEW YORK CITY
GENERAL SECRETARY

M.
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

May 1st, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Mrs. Coy, Acting Chairman of Central Committee, has written me in connection with the conference to be held here beginning June 7th, and requested that I confer with you in regard to accomodations for the delegates. I shall be glad to talk over this matter with you whenever it suits your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. H. L.) M. W. Wood —

General Secretary.

General Council
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OF THE
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Madison N. J.
May 18. 1917

Dear Mrs Bennett:-

This is an official word in regard to the nominations for General Council. They are my hardy for which I make humble apology. There has been seemingly unavoidable delay on my part and on the part of the Boards.

San Francisco and Portland make no nominations though Portland suggested the possibility of the secretary for Publications (or Westminster Guild) coming from the Board of the Northwest. No names were suggested. Those two Boards said in substance that they realized that these nominations must come from

the eastern Bonds and that they would
lose cur in our choice.
Will you kindly take a few moments
out of your very busy days and just
as soon as possible send me your
choice from this list?
I am asking the boy to do the same
and then I will send the names
to the secretary to be sent to the
Bonds.
I learned at the Bond rooms that
your trip was wonderful. Had I
planned to go I could not have done
so. but I have often and longingly
thought of what I missed. The shall
welcome you home with great
cordiality and I do hope that the
change of sights and sound has been
refreshing even if your days have
not been exactly restful.
Lovingly always
Nellie S. Webb

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June 2, 1917.

To/
The Members and Alternates
of General Council.

Dear Friends:

You will receive from Miss Hodge, Secretary of General Council, formal notification of the meeting of that body on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19th and 20th. In order that you may be making your plans I want, however, to write you at once as to the details.

Central Committee of the Foreign Boards is to meet the week before us and has chosen as its place of meeting, Monomonock Inn, Caldwell, New Jersey, and it has been decided by the Chairman and Secretary of General Council that this latter body shall meet in the same place. It will be quiet and we trust cooler than New York, and as you all know, more can be accomplished when we are all housed in one building.

Caldwell can be reached either by taking the D.L.&W. train to Montclair and from there taking the Caldwell trolley which will land you at the foot of the grounds of the Inn; or it can be reached on the New York and Greenwood Lake division of the Erie. It will probably be possible to go out there on the morning of the nineteenth and be there in time.

I trust that the six delegates will all find it possible to attend the two full days and to remain there over Thursday if need be. We are asking each one to make her arrangements with Mr. Eltinge of the Inn.

According to the arrangements the expenses of delegates will be paid and each delegate should present to Miss Hodge the bill for her expenses. The expenses of alternates are not met, unless by the Board to which she belongs. In case any alternate takes the place of a delegate, she, however, comes under the rules governing delegates. So far as possible I trust the alternates will be able to attend.

On June twelfth at the meeting of our Board we shall consider some of the matters that are to go before General Council. It is therefore, important that we have as full an attendance as possible.

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

Will you kindly let me know if you will go to Caldwell?

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

New York, June 2nd, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Englewood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

In compliance with your request, I asked the Management of the Monomonock Inn to reserve accomodations for 8 or 9 Home Board ladies for June 19th and 20th, and have again reminded them of this, in a letter written this morning; but I made no definite arrangements, not knowing what might be desired in the way of single rooms, or double rooms with twin beds, private baths, etc.

I am very glad you were able to go to Dallas, for the Southwest Board needed all the help it could get in an experience which was entirely new to it, so far as I know. I have an especial solicitude for the Boards so far away that they are out of touch with Headquarters, and which see a Board Secretary, or even a missionary, only rarely.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. H. L.) Mary W. Wood

My dear Mrs. Bennett

I do not expect to be over at #156 again so am writing to ask you if General Council is to be held as you that at Mamononock Inn, Jan 19th & 20th? I am a proxy and would be glad not to have the expense of coming down from Cragsmoor but I would feel worse not to do so if you felt I should

or if I were needed to
act in some one's place.
Please feel free to tell
me exactly what your
real wish in the
matter is irrespective
of my my concern. So
be absolutely frank
with you I would
love to come twice
if I am at all needed.
My only hesitancy is
over the expense.
I can't spend money
unless there is
real reason for it.

We leave early Tues. A.M.
June 12th. That is my
reason for troubling you
now. If you can't see
now what the situation
is you can address
me after June 12th. at
Ragamoor. Ulster Co.,
N.Y. Loyally & Sincerely,
Adah B. McAfee.

200 Clermont ave.,
Brooklyn
June 3 - 17

June 6, 1917.

Mrs. J. E. McAfee,
200 Clermont Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. McAfee:

Your letter of June third is just at hand, as I am staying in New York for a few days and it went to Englewood and had to be returned.

Just as soon as I know about Caldwell I will write you. So far as I can see at present we shall have our full quota of delegates present and the alternates therefore, would have no vote. In that case I really am doubtful whether it would be worth your while to come all the way from Cragsmoor, in spite of the fact that it is a helpful opportunity to get into touch with the details of the work.

Supposing we just let the matter go until after Tuesday's meeting when I shall know definitely about all matters.

We had a wonderful trip and I wish I might have a chance to tell you all the details of it.

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

June 6, 1917.

The Management,
Monomonock Inn,
Caldwell, New Jersey.

Dear Sirs:

Mrs. Halsey L. Wood has I think told you that a number of representatives of the Woman's Board of Home Missions would wish to be at the Inn on June nineteenth and twentieth for the meetings which have been arranged for those dates.

I am planning to reach you late on the afternoon of the eighteenth and would be very glad if you will reserve me a quiet and cool single room, with bath if possible.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKS-MJM.

June 6, 1917.

Mrs. Halsey L. Wood,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Wood:

Your note of June second is at hand. I have asked our ladies to each make her own arrangements with the manggement of Monomonock Inn, as I think this will cause the least confusion, but am very grateful to you for asking the Inn to have in mind that there would be a number of us coming. I hope the arrangements are going to be comfortable as I feel a little responsibility for having suggested Monomonock.

Dallas was really very satisfactory and I assure you that Mrs. Nissland and her Board women carried through satisfactorily a most helpful program.

With every good wish believe me that I am

Cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

60 North Ave. Elizabeth, N.J.

June 7/17

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

The communication to "Members and Alternates" received, and I would have replied before but have been laid up with an attack of Sciatic Neuritis, which kept me in bed for several days until today: and I really felt, and (on account of the Neuritis) do still, that perhaps it is not wise for me to say whether I will go or not to Caldwell. Possibly I will not be needed as an Alternate, and I am not clear as to whether I can go unless as an Alternate.

However I hope to see you Tuesday next. I was so happy to see your signature and know you were home again. Perhaps you may have had an inkling of how heard I tried to get Mr. Bennett up to BuckHill !

But evidently the Government was "agin it": at any rate there was a strong pull which kept your husband away from the golf links there, I know.

I had a card from Mrs. Louderbough telling of the lovely trip and that you were all well: shall be so anxious to hear all about the trip and successes.

You will be pleased to know that Mr. Crane and I had the company at Bick Hill for a few days of Dr. and Mrs. Cochran (Mrs. Potter) who were there for their first "anniversary": and this afternoon they stopped here a few minutes with us on their way to Tarpan from Phila. where he has given up his position in the Board, and is going out for Summer Conferences with Mrs. C-, and incidentally looking for a "call".

We had a lovely week at Buck Hill, and came home by Bethlehem and Haddonfield and saw our family there: beautiful rides all the way there and back. Mr. Crane was to go with me on a week's ride to Pittsburgh to see our children the last of the month, but now I must give it up until I get over this attack. Mr. Crane discovers that he cannot possi

get away for such a time now for 4 of his reporters have enlisted, and they are short everywhere and he must be on the job till these are filled.

I wish you would suggest someone for First V.Pres. ? I am sure I cannot see clearly any leadings.

Do you know if men could be allowed to spend the evenings at Monomonock Inn with their wives ? I felt it would make a change for Mr. Crane to run up in his car, especially when he cannot go out to Gettysburgh and Pittsburgh.

Helen and Stephen are fine;and will be up with us for July and possibly August.

So glad to know you are home again ! We know some one else who is twice glad also !

I would have been over to 156 to see how things were going but as I say was "laid up",and am anxious to know what is going on there.

Much love to you

Sincerely

Minnie L. Crane

Nutley, N. J.

86 Chestnut St.

My dear Mrs Bennett:

Caldwell is so near to Nutley that I will attend the meetings but not stay over night at the Inn, unless I should by some mes chance be made a delegate, then I would arrange to stay - for if you should have evening sessions, the alternates would probably not be needed.

I do not suppose it is necessary to make arrangements in advance about luncheon for the two or three days or even

dinner - if we should have to remain
for the evening - However if there are
being arrangements made - please
count me in - each alternate paying
for her own as I understood from
your letter - Hoping to see you
Tuesday - we have missed you -
and hear the remaining details

Very Cordially

(Mrs O. H.) Florence Kraeger

Thursday June the Seventh -

June 14, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Monomonock Inn,
Caldwell, New Jersey.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I think I answered your question as to the basis on which we work a percent of increase by saying that it was on the gifts of the previous year. Since then, I have been looking into the matter and I find that since the plan of sending out apportionments so early has come into vogue, the basis of the percent of advance must be apportionments.

I shall be glad to take this matter up with you later, but it seemed to me best to let you know at once, lest you should quote me in the matter and we should find ourselves embarrassed later.

Most cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

PRIVATE OFFICE

Monomonock Inn
Caldwell, N.J.

ALBERT A. LE ROY, MANAGER

June 17th, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

We have your kind note requesting reservation of room for June 19th and 20th, and in reply would say that we will reserve a room for you, and if possible to give you a private bath, will do so; but this is somewhat doubtful, as our private baths may all be permanently occupied at that time.

Looking forward with pleasure to welcoming you, we are

Very truly yours,

Albert A. LeRoy

AE/FS

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Bldg
Philadelphia

June 25 1917

Dear Mrs. Bennett,

I have already kept my stenographer sometime after office hours in order to make corrections in the rough draft of G. C. minutes which she is now mailing to you, so please pardon this letter written by hand.

I expect to leave early Friday morning for the summer, though I begin to feel that I must come back here for at least a day after the Chambersburg Conf. closes July 5th, things are getting very thick. If you could get your corrections to me in time to incorporate them in the minutes before I leave it would expedite my getting them out to the Boards. That would mean that they must be here by Thursday morning.

Who shall order that the money be paid to Financial Secy? p. 3. Will you tell Miss Voss to pay $37.50 in Jan. and I tell Mrs. Wood to pay our share in July?

On p. 14 is the motion that the reports of the committees are to be correlated by Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Webb: are they to appear in the minutes uncorrelated, or are they to wait until this committee has done its work?

Student Com. is called for Thursday, as you have probably already heard.

Mrs. Lee is doing her notifying.

I wrote Mrs. White an enticing letter. I told her how little more work it is than what she is already carrying in her own Board as Chairman of Pub. Com.; and I suggested that even if she could not attend to the Year Book she might still be Secy for Publications. I think I told her to write to you in order to save time.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

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General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
June 26, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have been talking with Mrs. Hall this morning about whether she came for both Central Committee and General Council, and this is her statement: "Mrs. Pinney was sorry Mrs. Hall could not come east in time for most of Central Committee, but instructed her that if there were any meetings of Central Committee after her arrival she was to act in Mrs. Pinney's place." I am sure that Central Committee will be quite willing to leave to your judgment the decision as to whether the proportion of Mrs. Hall's expenses should be the same as that of all the other delegates or not.

Do you think it would be wise to ask Mrs. Hall to attend the meeting of the Student Committee ? Of course as a Board Student Secretary she is an ex officio member. I did not feel warranted in asking her to attend and if the meeting is to be on Friday, as I have just been informed, she cannot be there as she has an engagement to speak, if it is on Thursday she probably could. If you wish to ask her, her address is care of Miss Eva Taylor, 903 Tatnall Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Did you name the Committee to consider the blanks ? If so I failed to make a note of it and will be grateful for their names.

Our Board was not satisfied with the definition of Extension Department, thinking that it was wise to state definitely that it is a branch of a missionary organization and that its members promise to read missionary literature. We recommended that you refer to a Committee, rather than to the Secretary for Publications, the three points named in the Minutes on page 15 - a suitable name, a brief definition, and literature. I suppose

the parliamentary way is to report this to the Chairman as ad interim business, and that the General Council member of our Board is the one to do so, but as I was writing to you on other matters am just telling you what was done. I will also tell you unofficially that all other recommendations of General Council were accepted by our Board to-day.

Do you think it would do to amplify the minutes a little in regard to Dr. Cochran and say something like this: "Appreciation was expressed for the admirable way in which Mrs. Waid had conducted the correspondence with Dr. Cochran as reported to the Boards by the Chairman as ad interim business. As Dr. Cochran was not able to come to this meeting the subject was not presented." I think the Student Committee would feel a little more comfortable if something like that could be said either officially or unofficially.

Could you tell me which of the Home Board alternates acted as regular members at the meeting in the evening of June 20th, and also which of the regular members had left ? I find I made no note of that in my minutes.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

June 25, 1917.

Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
The Pines,
Canadensis, Pa.

My dear Miss Quinlan:

I do not seem to be quite clear about the material for the Union Book of Prayer. Do I understand that you are putting this in shape, planning the dates with the foreign groups and arranging so that the paging will be correct? If so, can you tell me when this will be ready for the printer? I am trying to get this all fully cleared up, as should Mrs. White refuse to serve as Secretary for Publications I may find it necessary to make some new plans for following this matter up temporarily. All the proof-reading and so forth, I find is done here in the office. Mrs. White doing the Foreign part and some one of our officers doing the Home part.

If you can give me any other information on this up-to-date I shall be very grateful.

Very cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

Ogg

June 25, 1917.

Miss Emma Jessie Ogg,
104 South Elliott Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Ogg:

I meant to write you immediately after the adjournment of the meeting at Caldwell, but my plans have been upset owing to the death of Mr. Hildebrant, Sr., which has made it necessary for me to spend my time with Winifred. I am just dictating a very little this morning before going to Brooklyn, but I was afraid that if I delayed longer, Miss Allis might go too far away from the city for you to see her.

I know that you have been notified by telephone of your election as Secretary of Westminster Guild and you have also heard from Mrs. McAfee by phone at my request, to delay all elections until the close of General Council. You would not in any case receive any light on your particular duties from the discussion there, as Westminster Guild was scarcely touched. As Miss Allis has handled the work for four years it seems to me that if you could see her and talk all the matter over with her frankly, you would have a better idea of the kind of work and the method of doing it than you could secure in any other way. Her home address is -

Miss Mary E. Allis,
1604 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Hodge told me, however, that last week she was at Atlantic City,

c/o Miss Norris,
2905 Pacific Avenue,
Atlantic City, N. J.

You will receive the rules governing the work of the Secretary for Westminster Guild at an early date and any official data that there is. I wish I knew something definite of the work that I might help you, but I really know nothing about it. Of course, I will always be glad to advise with you if I can help in that way.

I had fully expected to be out of the Chairmanship of General Council this year, but as the Home side seemed not able to furnish a Secretary for this year it seemed incumbent upon me to take the Chairmanship and have the Foreign people provide a Secretary in place of Miss Hodge, who goes off the Council.

I am enclosing some notes that Miss Allis handed to Miss Hodge, that will perhaps be suggestive to you at this time. You can be thinking along these lines and shall perhaps want to talk with Miss Petrie before you see Miss Allis.

Wishing you all good luck in this very big job that seems now to be yours, believe me that I am

Cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

June 25, 1917.

Mrs. James A. Webb, Jr.,
Madison,
New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Webb:

I could not get Mrs. Waters on the telephone the other day and, therefore, did nothing about the vacancy on the Student Committee. I expect to be present at the meeting next Friday morning at eleven to fill in the Home Board and am hoping that Miss Davison will either be present, or send some one to fill the Foreign vacancy.

I am just letting you know of this so that when you return the question of the vacancies may be taken up.

I hope you are having a beautiful time at Silver Bay and that you will not be all tired out when you return.

Cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

General Council
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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
June 26, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am sending to you all extracts from the Minutes of General Council regarding Student Committee in order that they may receive them at the meeting called for Friday, June 29th.

Since the former chairman and secretary are no longer members of the Student Committee, I am asking you as chairman of General Council to see that these extracts are presented to the Committee. I am having carbon copies made for the convenience of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,
Margaret E. Hodge

June 27, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
319 South 41 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am returning my copy of the Minutes, as my suggestions can be more easily followed by referring to the marks that I have made thereon. I have had to go over them more hastily than I had wished in order that I may have them in your hands by Thursday A.M.

Before taking up the question of the Minutes, may I say that my interpretations may be incorrect as I am working from memory, having made no notes at the meetings of General Council.

Beginning on page 2 of the Minutes you will note that I have inserted (P. 9) etc. As matters have had to be left in an incomplete state at one session and reopened at another, I wonder if a cross-indexing of this kind would not materially aid in understanding the Minutes in the future. I may have failed to make these notes in some places, but have tried to do it.

On page 3 and in other places you will note that I have placed quotation marks around the reports of committees where such report was made in writing. I believe that this indication of hich part is the definite report of the committee will much simplify matters. If you disapprove, cut them out of course.

At the top of page 4 after the first two lines, I should say that the report of the committee should be inserted. It may be that you intended to place this in the Minutes, but it is not so indicated.

I am afraid it is not going to be easy later on, should any question arise, to distinguish among these three copies of Standing Rules.

First - The suggestions under which we were working from January to June 1917.
Second - Those proposed by Miss Quinlan's committee.
Third - The complete suggestions.

"I. No change suggested by committee." Making the addition of these words each time when this is a fact.
In order that we may have no misunderstanding would it be well to say -

You will note that after the word "carried", I have inserted "as proposed by committee". I realize that that seems unnecessary, but I also realize that we are liable to get mixed on this.

After IV, 4, you speak of inserting the note "as to two-thirds vote". The committee which was to word that is appointed at the top of page 5 ~~and where three Board~~ 3 separate things go to this committee. There is no place where the full report of the committee is indicated. It does report on page 13 relative to the duties of the Secretary for Publications, but the other two items referred to it are not mentioned there. Would it be more simple to make it more like three committees, in order that the reports may come in where they belong? I have suggested that the appointment of that committee indicated at the top of the fifth page be brought down near the end of that page in order that it may not break into the Standing Rules and in that way be lost sight of.

I am not very clear about the matter at the very bottom of page 5. Was the committee referred to, the one on Standing Rules? I note then that you have inserted in writing that the report of the committee was adopted as a whole. This was not, however, done until page 13. Would it not be best to leave out that sentence and put in the cross-indexing and say, "Final adoption of the Standing Rules was postponed to another session"?

On page 7, my penciled suggestion is simply to indicate that C.C. was only following out a request that had been made ~~of~~ to it.

On page 9 may I suggest that there be a little more information concerning the recommendation in regard to an object for college girls? It seems to me that if attention might be called to the fact that this recommendation was presented either last June or in January, I have forgotten which, it would connect the matter with what has gone before. Therefore, in order to connect this with what has preceded, should there not be a statement previous to your hand-written references, that in January 1917, the Foreign Boards reported that they approved an object for under-graduates only.

On page 10 I have used quotation marks freely as I thought it would be helpful.

On page 13 I do feel that as a matter of record the Standing Rules as adopted with all amendments should be inserted. I know that seems considerable work, but I am a little fearful unless this is done. Of course, we shall each have a copy, but after all only the copy in the Minutes is the authoritative one. In having copies made for the members of General Council, may I suggest that they all have as a heading the phrase saying - "As adopted June 1917".

Immediately after that comes the report of the Committee to Define the Duties of the Secretary for Publications. This is the committee appointed on page 5 which had three duties and of which I spoke before.

Following that comes this - "On motion the correlation of the reports of this committee". I wonder if it would seem clear to say - "On motion the correlation of the rules defining the duties of the Secretary for Publications, the Secretary for Westminster Guild, Student Committee, Over Sea and Land Committee was intrusted to a committee consisting of Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Webb".

On page 16, does not the first paragraph refer to an action of General Council which was reaffirmed, or has my memory failed me here? Should not there be some introduction to the next paragraph to indicate ~~that~~ why the action was taken?

I have not yet had time to work out a system by which it can now be indicated to the Boards which of these actions are final and which must go back to Boards for further consideration. It seems to me most unsafe to send them out in this way. I wonder if it would not do to have them prepared without such indications. Then if three copies could be sent me, the two that I always receive and one extra one, I would indicate on the extra one the method to be employdd and return at once to Mrs. Lee and a clerk could correct the others by such indications. It is not easy to do it until I have seen the final set of the Minutes and in any case I could not hold them long enough now to attend to this. Could you telephone to Mrs. Lee and learn if this plan would be satisfactory to her?

I think your suggestion as to the money to be paid to the Financial Secretary is the best and I will ask Miss Voss to pay our $37.50 in January to Mrs. Lee.

As I understand it the four reports of the committees appear in the Minutes uncorrelated, but an official correlated copy will be attached thereto. The Minutes can be finished now and I will ask Mrs. Waters to try and have the correlated copies ready to be attached to them and sent out with them. I think we shall have to hold the mailing of the Minutes until these come, but you can finish up your Minutes without them.

I am enclosing a postal card and would be very glad if you would indicate thereon Mrs. Lee's address as I find I came without it. Will you also indicate thereon if I am to send to Mrs. Lee these correlated reports.

Student Committee has been changed to Friday. Mrs. Waters will be there.

I most earnestly trust that Mrs. White will accept her appointment. If not, it is going to be very difficult.

Trusting that you will have some rest during the summer and with extreme regret that you are going to be so far away from me, believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

Correlating Rules

June 27, 1917.

Mrs. William F. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

A letter from Miss Hodge reminds me that the Minutes of General Council cannot be sent out until the rules governing the Secretary for Publications, the Secretary for Westminster Guild, Student Committee and Over Sea and Land Committee, have been correlated as they must be attached to the Minutes.

I realize that everybody is more than tired just now, but would it be possible for you and Mrs. Webb to get those into shape at an early date in order that we may send everything on before people have scattered.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

General Council
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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
June 29, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have been carefully going over your letter of June 27th and making the suggested corrections in the minutes, and some others that have occurred to me. I think every point you make is important. I have made several changes amplifying the minutes in order to clarify them, especially on page 16, the first paragraph. I could not understand myself when I read the minutes what was meant by that, but I think the quotations of the question and of Central Committee action which I have inserted explain it. I have incorporated your wording for the recommendation at the bottom of page 5 about the Committee on Correlation.

I will have the minutes prepared without indication as to which actions are final, and will send you three copies as you suggest. Then you can return the extra one to Mrs. Lee and I will see that the indications are put on all the copies of the minutes before they are sent out.

Our Board acted on Tuesday as I think I wrote you, but I have found at least one, and I think two items which they should have voted upon and did not. I will ask Mrs. Wood to pay to Mrs. Lee $37.50 in July. I see no other way than to put the four reports of the Committees in the minutes uncorrelated and attach thereto an official correlated copy. If Mrs. Waters Committee has to delay long in its work I should think the minutes might be sent out with the statement that as soon as the Committee on correlation of Rules can report, a separate copy of the Standing Rules will be sent, and appended to it the Rules covering the conduct of Secretary for Publications, Secretary for W. G., Over Sea and Land and Student Committees in accordance with the recommendation on page 5. I will have a talk with Mrs. Lee and I am sure she will do as you suggest, and will take up the work of notifying every Committee of all actions taken.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

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July 5, 1917.

Miss Emma Jessie Ogg,
104 South Elliott Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Miss Ogg:

Miss Allis was mistaken concerning the election of the Secretary for Westminster Guild. The nominating docket is sent to all the Boards and the delegates therefore, have power to act. You are regularly elected and need wait for no further authorization.

I have not yet received the Minutes from the Secretary of the Council, but will see that you have them just as soon as they come. I do not want to do anything more from memory than I have to, as I made no notes the days of the meetings and might easily stumble. I should have the actions within a few days and will see that you have all that relates to Westminster Guild at once.

I had fully expected to give up the Chairmanship of General Council this year and in the meeting at Caldwell it was agreed that I should do so. Mrs. Waters was elected the new Chairman, but no one from our group would accept the Secretaryship. It was, therefore, necessary for me to take on the Chairmanship again and allow the Foreign Boards to name the Secretary, which they did in the person of Mrs. Lee of the Philadelphia Board. I am sure I need not tell you that I was most sorry to have to take this Chairmahship again, for I am carrying on too much and this did seem one of the things from which I might have been relieved. However, for this year it seems to be the only way out of the difficulty.

I hope you have had a very delightful time at Eaglesmere and a very successful conference.

Believe me that I am with every good wish,

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

July 6, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I have at hand two or three letters from you which are awaiting reply. Under date of June twenty-sixth you wrote relative to the expenses of Mrs. Hall. While the Woman's Board would of course be perfectly willing to bear a larger proportion of the expenses of Mrs. Hall than of the other delegates, there is the complication of trying to straighten this out with the treasurer's and I am wondering whether it would not be better to let Mrs. Hall go on the same basis as did the representatives of other Foreign Boards, and when another question of a similar kind arises to try and arrange it so that the burden will fall more on the Home side than on the Foreign. The matter is so small as to the amount that it would seem to bad to make the complication of extra actions, which would be necessitated if there is to be any change of financial basis in this instance. Please take exception to my judgment if you think I am wrong.

I was sorry that Mrs. Hall could not be at the meeting of the Student Committee, but it was changed to Friday. We had a very satisfactory meeting and Mrs. Twitchell is the new Chairman. She with Miss Hoff and Miss Walker were made a sub-committee on the conferences for next fall and I have just received notice that they will meet next Monday. I am invited to be present at that time. There is much difficulty in finding Student Secretaries and the work apparently will be greatly hampered by this fact.

I think I did not name the committee to report on blanks and I confess I find myself a little at a loss. For the Home representative I will name Miss Quinlan. On the Foreign side either Mrs. Coy or Mrs. Lee, and I would be most grateful if you would make the choice from your knowledge. Mrs. Lee would be more accessible. As they are to have as many cooperative members as they desire, I should say that only two need to be on the original committee.

I will have to take up the matter of the Extension Department, as your Board has raised a question, as adinterim business and will do so as soon as I have received the Minutes. There will probably be other matters that will be sent back by other Boards.

I like what you say concerning Dr. Cochrane on the second page of your letter of June twenty-sixth and shall be satisfied to have it incorporated in the Minutes.

At the evening meeting of June twentieth, Mrs. Waid and Mrs. Webb had left and Mrs. White and Mrs. McAfee acted as their alternates.

I did not turn over to the members of the Student Committee the Minutes of General Council that you sent. No Board except your own had yet had these and I did not feel that it was safe to allow them to go into the hands of the Committee as authorized until they had passed all the Boards.

So soon as I receive the three copies of the Minutes I will return the extra one to Mrs. Lee, if I can straighten out just which actions do not have to go back to Boards. We certainly will have to interpret more or less liberally.

Of course, you know that Mrs. White has refused to take the position of Secretary for Publications. It is a most embarrassing situation and means a good deal of hard work for the Chairman of General Council on the matter of the Year Book I fear, but I suppose that is one of the penalties of the office and I need not complain about it.

Believe me that I am with every cordial good wish

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
Room 48, 509 So. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
July 7, 1917.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

A few weeks ago I wrote you asking if the Westminster Guild Committee of the Board of the Northwest would be expected to get out the September issue of the "Bulletin". You were away and the letter was sent to Miss Hodge. The reply I received stated that Miss Hodge thought the Secretary for Westminster Guild, who would be elected at the June meeting of General Council, would be responsible for the September publication.

I have just been asked again, by the chairman of the Westminster Guild Committee of our Board, if our Board is to be responsible for the September number. As the answer to my former letter was not altogether definite I am writing you again, that no mistake will be possible.

As the Westminster Guild Secretary was elected at the meeting of General Council, she will, I understand, take up the duties of her office at once and will, therefore, in cooperation with the Publication Secretary be responsible for the September Bulletin.

The chairman of our committee tells me that she must know at once if she is in anyway responsible for the work of preparation, and I will, therefore, ask for an early reply regarding the matter.

Yours most cordially,

Alice Wood Boy.

(Mrs. S. Ile)

AWC/K

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Avenue, New York.
July 10, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Last Friday after Mrs. Webb's return from Silver Bay, we went over the rewording of the Rule for Secretaries and Standing Committees agreeing, in general, on what I had prepared. Since then I have had many interruptions and am only able now to put the material in shape. There are a few rather arbitrary changes, not mere rewording which I wish to submit to you.

In Chicago Recommendations, Page 13-5-(c) at the end, would it be advisable and permissible to add "They shall serve not more than two consecutive terms?" In 6 -(a) and (b) I have asked that each of these Secretaries make an annual report. In 6 (a) something is said about "arranging for publication." That would seem to belong to the Secretary for Publications. It is not meant to imply financial responsibility, but simply the securing of a printer and rates, or the service of a Board, or of all the Boards represented.

Under Committee on Student Work, I have inserted a rule, - <u>much needed</u>, for Board Secretaries. It includes very little not already implied in the other rules for Student Committee, but sets them forth clearly in one place, as they should be. The sentence with regard to cooperating with Field Secretaries in entering Colleges and presenting Missions at Conferences is quite new. It would please the Foreign Boards, because it necessitates a qualified and somewhat experienced Board Secretary. But I think such a rule would have to be approved, perhaps, by Boards and Student Committee before it could be placed on "Minutes." These matters I must leave to your judgment as the real chairman of our Committee.

If you think it necessary and will let me know a day or two in advance, I will be very glad to meet you at 156 for a conference which I hope Mrs, Webb could attend too. She comes in on certain days for her Treasurer's work.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
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.2. Bennett.

I fear Miss Hodge is becoming impatient. I will be glad to put these things into final shape as soon as possible and will be more than grateful for any suggestions you may have to offer.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs. William E.) Alma D. Waters
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The Pines
MYRON A. PRICE, PROP'R
CANADENSIS, PA.

July 10 - '17

Dear Mrs Bennett: —

Word comes from Mrs Hayden that she will continue - I'm not very, however, that I let you know one (of the several) dark clouds that have hidden the brightness so far in this Year Book work - I really feared Mr Hill might approach you on the subject & felt you should see Mrs H's letter - In "my months" I've found only the trouble I expected - no more in combining Men's Board - Then Mrs H. will "jet the swing soon" - Don't let it bother you any -

Hastily
Florence E. Quinlan

The Pines
MYRON A. PRICE, PROP'R
CANADENSIS, PA.

July 8 - 1917 -

Dear Mrs Bennett: -

I thought well to send you this letter - so if any thing were said to you by Dr Hill or other "H.B." person" you'd be "up-to-date" in knowledge of situation - I've written Mrs Hayden ~~that~~ to let me know immediately if she is to proceed with "the months" - so I can get to work on them if she does not.

Was most surprised last we to receive the letter - brought from home by Father - Dr Hill had sent me reprints that covered material needed & I had forwarded to Mrs Hayden - She wrote before receiving these, I think - I had also sent her

exact dates to be used for Home Board & Woman's Home Board topics - having studied out each month carefully -

I'm ~~asked~~ told her, hoped she would keep these months, but if she does not I shall do the job - It must be done! Spent part of night debating whether to go home today & tackle "instanter" - Decided to remain till Friday - 13th - as planned - Supposed she was deep in plans already - Woman's Board parts -

As far as I've worked out plan - it goes smoothly this' shortly - it will be easier to work at home -

Now to pack Father's bag - He carries mail to N.Y. - Do outgoing mail Sunday here -

Sincerely

Florence E. Quinlan -

The Pines
MYRON A. PRICE, PROP'R
CANADENSIS, PA.

July 7 - 1917

Dear Miss Bennett: -

Shall I send copies of Standards to Miss Sheibley or to Miss Rue - or whom? See Miss Hodge's letter. There were several minor changes needed - in copies sent to me. I immediately wrote Miss Lee - So probably it will be best to wait until receiving minutes before printing.

Your letter received last ev - I also hope that manuscript of Year Book will be in perfect shape this year before going to printer - We will each do our best - Miss Hayden is hard at work on her share - As soon as I return to city shall see Miss Wood again as to several things that have come up -

I'll be glad to consult with me also to go on proof with Miss Shrubley - as you suggest - We return July 13 - Mrs Hayden & I plan to have all in readiness Aug. 1 -

Laurel has just passed - here - a rhododendron is at height, about - I like the autumn weather, though - air is clearer -

Sincerely

Florence E. Quinlan

July 11, 1917.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
Room 48, 509 So. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coy:

It was my understanding that the Secretary for Westminster Guild would immediately take up the duties of her office and would, therefore, become responsible for the September issue of the Bulletin. I understand that Miss Ogg has asked Miss Rumsey as a favor if she will issue it. If this agreement is decided upon, the responsibility will rest upon those two. I can only hold Miss Ogg responsible.

I am writing in great haste as I am on the wing.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/D

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July 13. 917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156-5th Ave. New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

Miss Allender has referred your letter of July 6th to Miss Hodge, to me.

It seems the wisest thing to do at this time to let the matter of Mrs. Hall's expenses stand as it is. That was your thought, I believe and Miss Hodge approved of it. So we have written to Mrs. Wood that the plan is approved by all concerned.

You will have noticed in the Minutes that Miss Allender sent you that she has placed my

name as a member of the Committee on Blanks, with Miss Quinlan. I would have felt I could not accept the appointment but I remembered that Mrs. Coy will not be a member of G.C. during term, and I felt that would make another complication - so again I succumbed.

When I was writing to Miss Hodge about it I called it that Blank Committee but I begged her not to understand that I was using what might be strong language.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely.

Elizabeth Parke Lee.

(Mrs. John Harvey).

July 17, 1917.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Your letter of July thirteenth is at hand. I think the matter of Mrs. Hall's expenses is adjusted satisfactorily. I always try to make no more exceptions than is possible as each one adds to the general complication.

I have just returned the Minutes to Miss Alteneder with a preliminary page such as I am now enclosing to you. If this does not meet with your approval, please do not hesitate to say so. It seems to me most important to give some kind of instruction to each Board in order that all may proceed in the same manner.

I am trying so hard to do patriotic work at the same time that I am carrying on this work that I find it not easy to keep matters clear. I hope, however, that this will not need to be revised so that the Minutes can go out at an early date.

I was sorry to have to put you on that committee on blanks, but it really seemed best that some one near New York should be on this committee in order to consult with Miss Quinlan. More can be accomplished this way and your knowledge along this line would be invaluable.

You have noticed in the Minutes that Miss Quinlan and you are to have as many coopted members as you desire. The choice of these members is left to you two.

Trusting that you are going to have some vacation this summer, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

July 17, 1917.

Mrs. William F. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

I have at hand your letter of July tenth and regret that there has been delay in replying to it. These are hectic days and work as hard as one will it seems impossible to keep all the things going.

May I say first of all that I am very sorry not to be able to meet with you and Mrs. Webb any time this week, as I am leaving for the conference at Northfield and shall not be home until the very end of the week. I might be able to come in next week, but I am sure by that time all the work will have been done.

It was my understanding that the work of your committee was simply to make uniform in order and phraseology the rules governing the four groups, Secretary for Publications, Secretaries for Westmingter Guild, Student Work and Over Sea and Land Committees, and that no changes were to be made in the procedure outlined. The committee with a chairman were to have full power in this matter and I should, therefore, think could not make any changes that would necessitate Board action. It seems to me that it would be the wiser way now to take the four sets of rules and make them uniform in phraseology and order, leaving all actual changes to the next meeting of General Council. If changes were now made I should feel that these rules would have to be considered adinterim business and be sent back to the members of General Council before going to the Boards. That would be rather complicated.

In line with above I should say specifically, that your committee would not have power to limit the terms of committees or secretaries under General Council. However, I should think that inserting, that the Secretary for Publications and the Secretary for Westminster Guild should present Annual reports, was quite in order with the general procedure and, therefore, could be done.

In the rules for Standing Committees on Student Work, I should say the change in III lines 1 and 6 could be allowed, but the change in V line 15 is a change of policy and I think cannot be made.

In VI, I should say that nothing can be inserted, except those things which are found in the Minutes of June 19-20, on page 9 and 10. Those are the new definitions for the duties of Board Student Secretaries and are to be taken into account, but no change from those as to intent would hardly be allowable.

I see no reason to take exception to any other change, but I would like to see all four sets of rules written out fully with the changes included, then I could be much more certain that my rulings are correct, than I am at present.

I have asked the Secretary to send the Minutes out without waiting for these reworded rules which can follow so soon as they are ready.

I have been trying to do today so many things, that I am fearful that I am not as clear as I should be in this letter, but I hope you will understand what it is that I mean.

Very cordially yours,

MKB-MJM.

July 17, 1917.

Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
716 Warburton Avenue,
Yonkers, N. Y.

My dear Miss Quinlan:

I should have returned this letter of Mrs. Hayden's to you before, also the one from Miss Hodge. As the matter concerning Mrs. Hayden has quite straightened itself out, I will make no comments thereon.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions will be very glad to print the Standards of Excellence in the form in which they appear in the Minutes of General Council. I cannot vouch for correctness as I had no notes, but assume that great care has been taken that they are correct in the Minutes of General Council. No action by Boards upon them is now expected, so we hope to proceed at once.

I am sure that Miss Sheibley and you will find your way through the Year Book of Prayer very satisfactorily.

I am going up to Northfield on Wednesday morning and shall be away the rest of this week. Upon my return I will see that you will get the foreward that you desired.

Believe me that I am with every cordial good wish,

Faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.
Enclosures.

Alteneder

July 17, 1917.

Miss Louise E. Alteneder,
501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Alteneder:

I have at hand the three copies of the Minutes of General Council meeting of June 19-20, and am returning one copy to you as was suggested.

I would, of course, prefer that my marks should be approved by Miss Hodge, but as that seems impossible I think it will be best for you to prepare the other copies and send them out at once.

I have found no errors in the Minutes and think they can be prepared in the form in which you have them. In that case, the two copies which I have will not need to be replaced by others. I am delighted with your index. It is the greatest help to me and will be to the others I am sure. I cannot improve it in any way.

I have prepared and am enclosing with the Minutes a page of explanation. If this were placed even before the index it would perhaps save confusion. Miss Hodge's name is the only one that really can be signed to this and as she has not seen the page it would seem to me as well to let it go without a signature.

At the very end I have said, "The revised rules will be appended to these Minutes and will be the official copies for all use". I now find that it is possible that you may not have these revised rules in time to go out with the Minutes. It will be better for you perhaps to change that sentence to, "The revised rules will be sent you at an early date and should be appended to these Minutes and will be the official copies for all use".

On page 28, you will note that I have added the words, "Since refused to serve", after the names of Mrs. Stanley White and Mrs. George Scott. I think it would be well to insert those to show that there are vacancies on the committees. This makes two vacancies on Student Committee, as Mrs. Louderbough had refused to act.

On page 2 of the Minutes I note that you say, that the printed report of Westminster Guild is enclosed. May I have a copy of this, as none was included with my copies?

As I understand it there will accompany each copy of the Minutes when you send them out -

(1) An extra copy of Standing Rules.
(2) A copy of the Westminster Guild Report.
(3) The corrected rules for Secretary for Publications, Secretaries for Westminster Guild, Student Committee and Over Sea and Land.

No further copies, as I have said, need come to me.

I will see that the corrected rules reach you as soon as they come to me from the chairman of the committee.

Believe me that I am

Very faithfully yours,

MKB-MJM.

126 Claremont Ave. New York.
July 21st. 1917.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
179 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett: -

After receiving your letter of the 17th., I realized that I had mistaken somewhat the scope of the duties in covering the Executive and Standing Committees. They were indeed simpler than I had thought and the revision is now ready for your and Mrs. Webb's consideration. I saw Mrs. Webb yesterday and she thought she could meet with us on Tuesday at 156, at 10 A.M. I will be very glad to have this revision completed. I hope, too, that we may secure a Tuesday for Publication shortly so that our Standards, the Year-Book or., may be out by the early fall.

The only "original papers" necessary on Tuesday, are the Chicago Recommendations, Numbers 1 Jan. 17th. 1917; - June 5th, 1916. I will bring them on Tuesday. Cordially Yours,

Alma Q. Wales.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

July 23. 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 - 5th Ave., New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett;

The sample letter & explanation to go out with the Minutes is very clear, and very necessary as well. It will be interesting to see the completed document when you and Miss Hodge send it forth. It has been no small task to carry on the business & organization and keep careful and accurate record & all proceedings. Dam trying to comfort myself with the thought that from hence forward the work of General Council Secretary will be much easier than heretofore.

You will be interested in knowing that Mr. Lee has been asked to become Religious Work Secretary (Y. M. C. A.) in Camp Hancock, Augusta Ga. among the Pennsylvania troops. For three months beginning the first of August. He has accepted and leaves Germantown the 31st.

Our church has granted him a three-months leave and will supply the pulpit during his absence. The Session and Trustees will direct the work. Our people are most enthusiastic over the "call" for five religious work secretaries among 28000 men will have a great opportunity for service for these boys.

If I mistake not you and Mrs. Waid are at Northfield. I hope you have had a splendid conference and that all promises well for a good year's work.

With best wishes for you for the summer,

Yours very sincerely.

(Mrs. John Harvey). Elizabeth Park Lee.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
July 24, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have sent to Miss Hodge a marked copy of the Minutes, together with your suggestions. No doubt you have had a note from her. I will now give you the details.

Miss Hodge thinks that paragraph one and two on page 4, would require Board action - unless the Boards voted in such a way on the January recommendations that General Council had power. I cannot decide from those Minutes and the Actions whether this is the case or not. Will you please tell me what you think, and whether I shall mark them for action ?

On page 13, middle of page - "The Committee ..... recommendations" - should be "recommendation". It was plural in the original but I think Miss Hodge is right and shall make it singular, unless of course you do not approve. ✓

On pages 9, 16, and 23-Miss Hodge suggests that they be checked in the same way, and that checking the title would be sufficient. Personally I think this is well for pages 9, and 16, but that each Standard might be marked separately. ✓

On page 19 there is a typographical error in definition of Quorum. "Board" should be plural. ✓

Page 29, third paragraph from bottom - quote Instructions to Secretaries for Missionary Education, as in last paragraph on that page.

On page 19, please insert the word "six" before "Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions", third line under II. (Membership) of Standing Rules.

Miss Hodge thinks the Standing Rules should not be sent out until they have been approved by all the Boards. She has suggested that the sentence in the page of explanation be changed to read: "The revised Rules should be appended to these Minutes and will be the official copy for all use. They will be sent you when approved by the Boards."

Send new page & instructions to me.

Miss Hodge wants me to do as you think best about this and other matters, so will you please let me hear from you.

I find that the Westminster Guild report for 1917 has not yet been printed. If it is not ready to send with the Minutes we will have to cross out that sentence.

Cross out.

The correlated rules therefore, seem to be the only material to accompany the Minutes. I am signing Miss Hodge's name to the page of explanation and if you wish will send you two copies.

Not ready

Thank you for so promptly returning the Minutes, and for your full letter. I am glad you liked the index.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) Louise C. Akeneder

B.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

1917.

July 30, 1917.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
Building.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I understood from Miss Schiefley on Saturday that you had hoped the Year Book could be out by September 1st, and knowing how interested you are in the new enterprise, I want to tell you what Central Committee's plan for the Year Book has been up to the present time.

This is the first year since I have been its editor (fifteen years or more) that a dodger similar to the enclosed has not been circulated by September 1st, announcing the Year Book, and that it will be at the headquarters of the several Woman's Boards by October 1st. It has been my custom to put the "copy" into the hands of the printer August 15th, and to read the first proof the day after Labor Day. This plan has been carried out every year with the exception of last year, when, although I ordered the paper in May, it could not be secured from the mills in time to be on the Pacific Coast by October 1st.

There are Missions which hold their Annual Meetings so late in the calendar year that it is impossible to wait for the Minutes of these; but it is important to

wait for as many as possible, and those for Chosen and Japan are doubtless on their way now. Dr. Brown tells me that radical changes will have been made in the Chosen force, and the reinforcements for Japan for last year, crowded out this year for this year's reinforcements, are on Mr. Speer's record as "unlocated". This is an awkward way to place these in the Year Book, and I shall hope to have this needed information as to their location before the final proof reading. The fact that of recent years our missionaries have been sent to some central language school for the first year, delays their permanent location on the field, and the missionaries themselves, as well as their friends, feel hurt, when, after they have been more than a year on the field, they are not correctly recorded in the Year Book.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Wood —

(Mrs. Halsey L.)

I did not mean to end this letter so abruptly — so entirely without amenities — but an interruption came, and my letter was ended before I knew it!

M. W. W.

126 Claremont Avenue,
New York.
July 31-1917.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place, Englewood, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett; -

The Rules for Secretaries and Standing Committees must be now on their way to you from the office, if you have not already received them. I regret very much their delay and the various reasons for it which it is not necessary to repeat. The Missionary Suggestions and Reminders have been sent to the office also, - as I wanted copies. Miss Quinlan writes that she hopes these may be printed so that we may have them for distribution in the early fall. While there is no real necessity for putting them out now, - they are timely and could be used to advantage as would perhaps not be possible later. The committee planned to have them printed on two sides of a slip to be used in sending letters. Yours very cordially,

(Mrs. H. E.) Alma O. Walen.

August 1, 1917.

Miss Louise A. Alterneder,
501 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Alterneder,

I am sorry that your letter of July 24 has been unanswered so long, but it has been impossible for me to do much desk work the last few days, owing to an unexpected pressure of other responsibilities.

Referring to your letter, let me answer the paragraphs specifically.

1. It seemed to me that paragraphs 1 and 2 on page 4 needed no Board action. I think, however, that instead of being marked as they were, they should be marked with a cross (x), as I have found upon further investigation, that these suggestions are ready for the printer and will probably be out in a few days. I felt that these had been discussed so much that it was not necessary for them to go back to the Boards.

2. I have made the correction on page 15.

3. On pages 9, 14 and 23, it will be sufficient to check the titles but I agree with you that the standards on pages 25-27 should each be marked separately for fear there should be some misunderstanding.

4. On page 19 I have made the noted correction.

5. On page 29 I do not quite understand how you meant this to read when finished and would be grateful if you would copy that out for me, that my minutes should be correct.

6. On page 19 I have noted insertion of word "six".

7. You are quite right about the Standard Rules. These should not be sent out until they have been approved by the Boards. On pate 19 of the minutes you will note that they are marked for action. The extra copies should be sent with the minutes, I should say, but I do not understand that these are subject to any revision by the committee. That committee was to act only on rules governing the duties of Secretaries and Committees. As, however, these are not ready, it will be necessary for you to say in your page of instructions: "The revised rules should be

"appended to these minutes and will be the official copy for all u e". The last sentence which you have inserted at the end of the second paragraph on page 2, "They will be sent you when approved by the Boards", would refer only to Standard Rules, whereas the other part of the paragraph refers to the other rules.

I wonder if I am clear in this matte .

I have just received from Mrs. Waters "The Correlated Rules" but have not yet had time to go over them. The Westminster Guild report has not been printed, so that the wording on page 2 relative to this can be cut out. I should be very glad to have you send me two copies of your page of explanations so that there may be no uncertainty in re ard to this.

You have noted that on page 2? the Minutes say that the Chair shall appoint the committee to prepare the leaflet on Extension Department, if there is no Secretary for Publications. That matter has not been adjusted as yet and I think it will have to be left for the present, addenda sent out later if need be. I simply note it, lest the question had arisen in your mind.

With many thanks and trusting that Philadelphia is not suffering unduly in this heated spell, believe me that I am

Cordially yours,

MEB:LEN.

August 2, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Keen Valley Inn,
Keen Valley, N. Y.

My dear Miss Hodge,

I am very sorry to continue to trouble you about matters relating to General Council but a question has arisen concerning which I think you will know more definitely than would anyone else. I really should be able to answer the question myself, I suppose, but my memory does not work very well these hot days and I do not seem to remember what plan was suggested.

It is relative to the printing of leaflets like "Suggestions for Missionary Classes" or for Westminster Guild. As the Council made no provision for these, deeming it best to wait another year before providing a budget, was it your understanding that these leaflets should be paid for by the Board to which the charge of the printing belonged, that Board to be reimbursed by the other Boards. There seemed to be a number of things to be printed and I am afraid this system is not going to be as satisfactory as it would have been to have all payments made from one Treasury. However, for this year, we shall have to do the best we can.

I am sending to Miss Alternedar the final word relative to the minutes. She has proven to be so helpful in this work.

I grow more rebellious at the thought that you are no longer a member of the committee and am wondering how we shall manage without you. I really think you will have to make some change and come back to us.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB:LEH.

August 3, 1917.

Miss E. Jessie Ogg,
104 South Elliot Pl.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Jessie,

I have not yet received the minutes of the last Board meeting so I am not quite certain as to what you mean. I think, however, if we overlooked voting on anything from General Council, we shall have to take the responsibility for assuming such action and adding it in the minutes. These actions were all read to the Board and opportunity given to consider them and raise objections and if we ommitted the formality of an action, we shall have to explain later after entering it upon the minutes now. I do not quite understand how I let it pass but we were all getting pretty hot and pretty tired that day.

It seems to me that as General Council decided not to ask for a special budget for the present, it will be necessary for the Board to which the one incurring the expense for printing belongs, to finance such printing, collecting from the other Boards the amount due. It was to obviate just such awkwardness as this that I had asked for a definite sum to be set aside. It was thought best, however, to wait another year before this were done and we find ourselves in an awkward situation.

I have written to Miss Hodge as Chairman of Central Committees and if there is any change, I will let you know promptly. When the bills for the printing come, it will be necessary for you to O. K. them and then to explain to Miss Vose just why they come to her. We are not running quite smoothly on some of these matters yet, I realize, and the problem of the distribution of the bulletin and matters of that kind will need construction.

I hope Miss Rumsey has relieved you of the bulletin. It was news to me that the Committee from General Council which formulated the rules to govern Westminster Guild Secretary objected to having said Secretary the editor of the bulletin. I do not think that matter could have come out in the meeting of the Council itself for I am quite certain I never heard anything about it. Not having a Secretary for Publica-
shall this year have complicated matters greatly but I hope that soom we

Miss Jessie Ogg. August 3, 1917.

I wonder if you know that Miss Quinlan is helping in the office at "15" for a few weeks. Owing to Miss Wheeler's death, there was too much for Miss Firks to do, and with the Prayer Calendar and a few other matters, Miss Sheible was being overwhelmed. We have, therefore, asked Miss Quinlan to come in in the emergency and she has done so.

I thought you were about to leave the city, but apparently, like the rest of us, you are clinging to Headquarters. Do try to get away soon for this is the only time of the year, apparently, for one to have a rest.

I am rather hoping to go to China with Mr. Bennett next week but we are never certain until we are actually on the train.

Hoping that you have withstood the heat of the early part of the week,

Faithfully yours,

MKB:LEH.

P. S. Miss Nicholson says she omitted the enclosed from our pictures.

August 3, 1917.

Mrs. W. B. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

I am sorry to have held the enclosed copies so long as I did, but the heat this week has made us all go a little slower than usual, I am sure. I am returning a copy of "Suggestions and Reminders" though I am not sure but that you intended to have me keep this. There have been so many changes in the plans lately that I seem uncertain, but it is my remembrance that you were to have this printed and to see to its distribution, as we lack a Secretary for Publication. If I am incorrect and the responsibility for this printing rests with me, please return the enclosed sheet and let me know what it is to be done.

I am also returning the copy of Formulated Rules, as my few suggestions can be more readily indicated on those than by telling you of them.

That on page 3 I think is clear.

On page 5 I have inserted two things that I feel the Committee would wish to have retained. It is true that these do not appear in the Rules for the Secretary for Publications but I think perhaps we had better keep them here.

Similarly on page 6, you will note that I have reinserted the (a) under "Duties" as it is my understanding that the word "non-graduate" in (b) refers to the girl in College but who was not graduated. If this interpretation is correct, it will be necessary to keep (a) as suggested.

When you have heard from Mrs. Webb, if there are ~~any~~ 20 other changes to be made, will you mail directly to Miss Louise Alteneder, 501 Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, for it is possible that I shall be away from home next week and I would not wish to have these delayed. If you will be good enough to say to Miss Alteneder that they are to accompany the Minutes of General Council of June 19-2?, she will understand.

Thanking you very much for all the work you have done in this matter, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB:LEH.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
August 3, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter which was received this morning.

I have marked the Minutes according to your suggestions.

Page 29, third paragraph from bottom of page should read: On motion of Mrs. Lee the following recommendation from the Board of the Northwest about "Instructions to Secretaries for Missionary Education" was adopted. In your copy of Minutes the name of the leaflet was not quoted.

Please make the following corrections:

Page 24, Synodical Standard, insert number 9 - Young People's hour at each Synodical meeting.

Page 26, insert "Woman's" before Auxiliary Societies in title of Standard.

Perhaps you have noticed a grammatical error middle of page 28 - <u>These</u> nominees, etc. instead of as written.

I understand what you say about the "revised rules", though I had been under the impression the sentence in the page of explanation referred only to Standing Rules and not to the correlated reports. It refers to both, does it not ? Perhaps that was for the moment in Miss Hodge's mind when she added the sentence referring to Standing Rules. May I make a suggestion ? If you have time to look over the correlated reports, could you send them to me to copy early next week, so that I could send them with the Minutes ? I leave the office for my vacation on August 11th, and would like to have General Council matters cleared up before I go.

If you can send them to me I will have the page of explanation read: "The revised rules are appended to these Minutes and will be the official copies for all use. A separate copy of the Standing Rules will be sent you when approved by the Boards, and should also be appended to these Minutes."

If you would like me to send the Minutes without waiting for the correlated reports, please drop me a card. In that case I could say in the page of explanation: "The revised rules, which will be sent later, should be appended to these Minutes and will be the official copies for all use. A separate copy of the Standing Rules will be sent you when approved by the Boards, and should also be appended to these Minutes."

Perhaps you can suggest a better wording, but the above is what I understand you to mean.

Thank you for explaining about the committee to prepare the leaflet on Extension Department.

I will be very glad when General Council Minutes are on their way to the Boards, and I am very sorry there have had to be so many corrections.

Indeed Philadelphia has had its share of the warm weather, but to-day we are enjoying some cool breezes. I hope you are going to have a rest from General Council and other work this summer.

Cordially yours,

Louise E. Alteneder

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE,
ROOM 818. NEW YORK.

126 Clarement Ave.
New York City.
Aug. 3rd. 1914.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place, Englewood, N.J.
My Dear Mrs. Bennett:—

The "Suggestions and Reminders" submitted by our committee should come under the heading, "Missionary Education", thus.—

Missionary Education
Suggestions and Reminders.

This page is the obverse and the Mission Study Definitions the reverse of the single page leaflet we had planned. I regret that the definition of Mission Study class occurs twice. It seemed necessary however to incorporate it both in the Mission Study

definitions and, of course, in the paragraph
on the Study Class including it's Standard.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs. H. E.) Alma O. Wales.

August [illegible], 1917.

Mrs. Halsey L. Wood,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Wood,

I spoke with Miss Sheibley yesterday about a flyer or dodger announcing the year book and she, doubtless, has taken the matter up with you. It seems to me very desirable that there should be such and that we should have one which could be distributed by all the Boards, Home and Foreign rather than for each of us to prepare such. I am hoping that the year book can be out just as early as possible. Last year [illegible] was delayed in the printing with the result that some Synodical meetings were held before we could get copies to them. Knowing what delays may come upon us this year, I am anxious that, as soon as the manuscript can be ready, it shall be sent to the printer. I fully appreciate your embarassments in having to wait for the reports from the foreign lands and I trust that those of Japan and Chosen may be here in time to be included. Of course, it is with you as with us, the later we wait the more accurate can our book be, but on the other hand it is most important that this should be ready for sale on the Pacific Coast by October first. To have this large book in such shape is going to mean some very active work

Believe me that I am, with every cordial good wish,

Faithfully yours,

KB/LEH.

August 5, 1917.

Miss Louise E. Alteneder,
501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Alteneder,

Your letter of August 3 has just come to hand, and we are making the corrections on the minutes as you note. The "Revised Rules" do not refer to standing rules but to co-related reports, therefore, your first paragraph on the top is the correct one to use as I have returned the "[illegible] Rules" to [illegible] waters and have asked her to send them on to you at once---- [illegible] you will have them [illegible] letter reaches you. [illegible] trust with you that these can all be straightened out before you leave on your vacation for I know that you will be glad to have them off your mind. In addition, some of the members are beginning to write asking for the minutes and I know they are, too, anxious to have them.

I had hoped to get away the latter part of this week for a short vacation time, but at present even that looks rather uncertain.

Believe me that I am, with every appreciation of your helpfulness in this matter of the minutes,

Cordially yours,

MKB:LLH.

August 5, 1917.

Mrs. John B. Lee,
6135 Greene St.,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I find that I am almost out of stationery for General Council and would be glad if you would send me, or have sent me, a hundred sheets of stamped paper, the same amount of second sheets, and the same number of stamped envelopes. I do not know whether this is at the Witherspoon building or has been sent to you.

I was very much interested that Mr. Lee had been called to the camp for Pennsylvania men. It is a wonderful opportunity for service and it seems to me that any man called to this particular field of work has a right to feel that he has been doing very telling work, for surely there is no group that demands an alert fine type of speaker more than do the young men who have gathered in our camps. We are to have an embarkation camp of about 2[illegible],000 men within 5 miles of Englewood and are rather appalled at what this means to us.

I trust that your summer is going to be a very delightful one even though you must spend it without your husband. We all find plenty of things to keep our hands full these busy days and I know that you are never an exception to that rule.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

AKB:LLH.

August 5, 1917.

Mrs. . E. Waters,
1[illegible] Claremont Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

A note received from you after I had returned all the material would seem to indicate that I should have retained the "Suggestions and Reminders". As however, I have returned them, I hope you are going to take the responsibility of having them printed and distributed. A note just received from Miss Altenoder says that she leaves on her vacation on the 11th and she hopes that the Correlated Rules may be in her hands in a very few days, in order that she may prepare them to go out before she leaves. I have just written her that I am sure she will receive them from you at a very early date.

Believe me that I am

Very faithfully yours,

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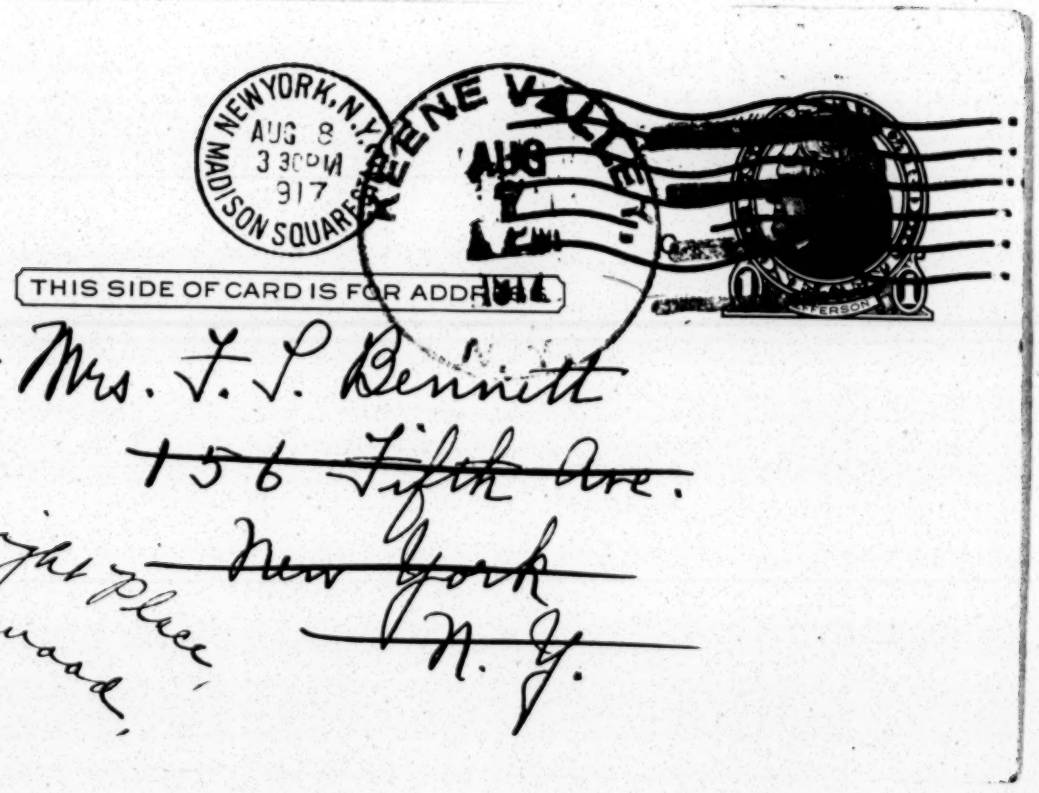

Mrs. T. L. Bennett

~~156 Fifth Ave.~~

~~New York~~

~~N. Y.~~

149 Dwight Place,

Englewood,

N. J.

General Council of the Woman's Boards of Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

8/7/17

Keene Valley Inn,
Keene Valley, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Bennett,

It was my understanding also that the various G. C. leaflets should be paid for by the Board to which the printing was committed, that Board to be reimbursed by the other Boards. After a year of trial of this method we can see whether we prefer it to giving the Secy for Pubs. a budget for such expenses.

Yours Sincerely
Margaret E. Hodge

The Westminster Guild
OF THE
WOMEN'S BOARDS OF HOME AND
FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
U. S. A.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

9. C. 1917

August 9th.

My dear Miss Bennett,

I know you will pardon me if I ask of you a question which perhaps should go to Miss Ogg, but I know she would take it to pass it on to you and my writing will save a little time.

Miss Schultz has been preparing the U. G. Circle program, for use with the Moffatts. She sent it to me two days ago for suggestions or criticism and it seemed to me most excellent and just what we need for our younger girls. She has referred to the "Lure of Africa" frequently and used

it to amplify the material given in the Moffat but it is not a program on the "Lure" and Circles choosing that book will have to use the mission study helps of the Educational Department. But I do not think there will be nearly as many calls for the "Lure" as for the "Moffat".

I understood from Miss Eyo's last letter that the Publication Secretary of General Council had yet been appointed; in that case to whom shall Miss Schultz send her outline for publication or would you like our Phila Board to print it?

Miss Schultz would like to see a copy of the proof after it is set up, if that is permissible, and I trust should you want us to print it she would

be delighted to submit her manuscript to you for criticism or to anyone whom you might care to name. Will you instruct her directly what to do next?

I shall be glad to send either to you or to the one to whom you may direct - the balance of the Suspense account that was given me at the beginning of my term of service as Council Chairman. The original amount was $36.00 expenses $29.90 which leaves a balance of $6.10 to be turned over to someone. This money was contributed half by the W.B.H.M. and half by the six Foreign Boards for U.S.

administrative purposes, might not Miss Ogg be allowed to finish it up on her postage? This is only a suggestion you will know the wise thing to do.

This letter was started at Deephaven Camp where we were on Lake Asquam I have now come to finish the summer at the Sunset Hill House, Sugar Hill, N.H. So far mine has been a more than usually pleasant summer and I trust your vacation is equally enjoyable.

I shall try to see Miss Ogg if possible on my way home for the little talk she asked for.

Cordially Yours,
Mary E. Allis.

Mary E. Allis for W. G. Council
in account with Woman's Board.

Received May 1913. $ 36.00

Expenditures

May 2d 1913	Council letter	.50
July 3d "	" "	1.25
Oct 22d "	" "	1.26
Nov 14	Mimeographed Circle programs	.52
Dec 15	Council letter	1.26
Mch 1914	postage on Manuscripts etc	1.41
April 11-'14	Council letter	1.84
" 20	postscript	.40
May 31 '14	Council letter	.93
June 15 '14	" "	1.52
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July 11 '16	Council letter	2.32
July 3 '16	" "	1.32

Oct 23 '16 Council letter	1.52
Apr 20 '17 " "	1.22
postage on manuscripts	.59
	29.90
Balance on hand	$6.10

The Runnymede
Atlantic City

August 9. 1917.

My dear Mrs. Bennett.

The supply of General Council stationery is very low. I am having some sent you from "501," but before I order any more, I would like to know if you desire any change in the heading.

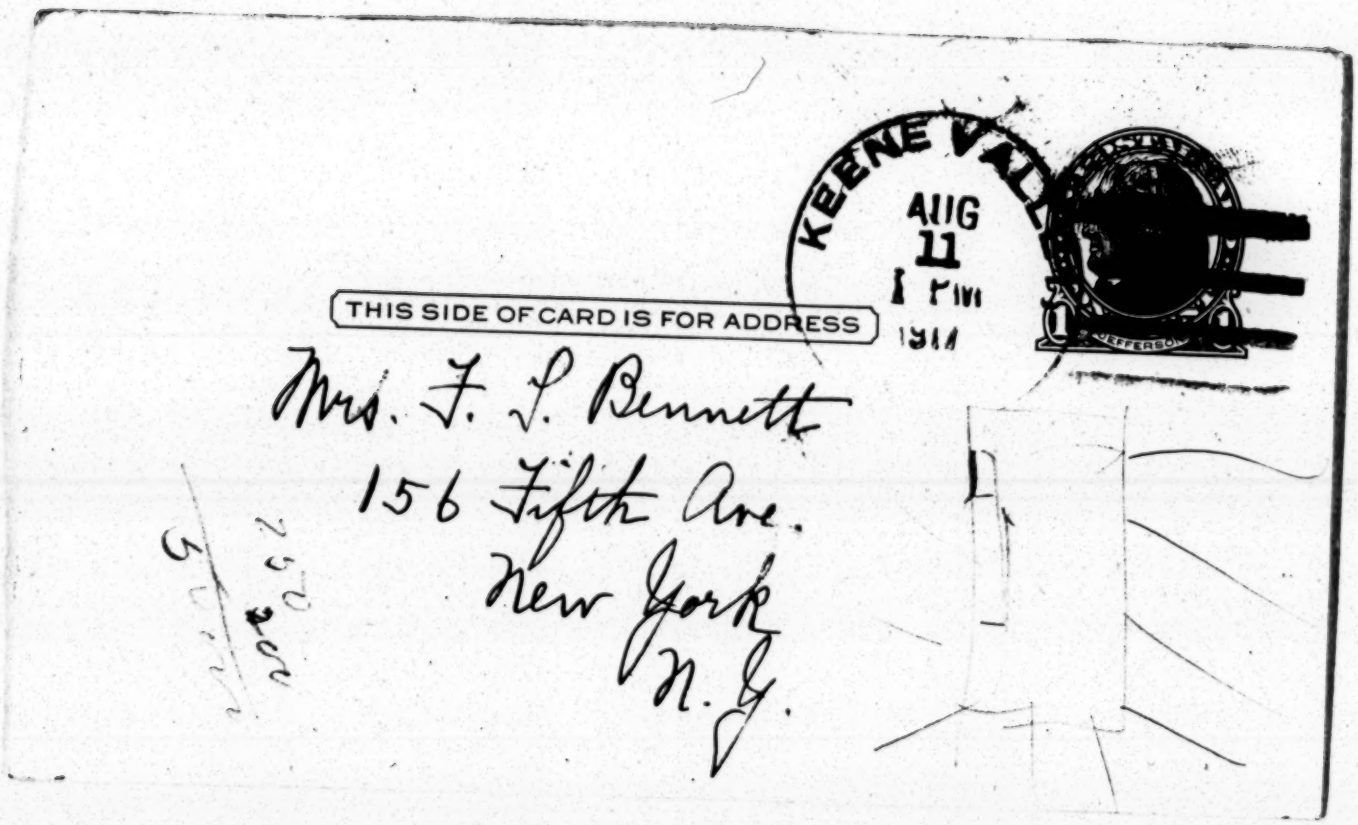
Miss Hodge also asks me to consult with you as to the proper method of notifying the Boards of Mrs. White's retirement of the Vice

7 Secretary for Publications.

I notified Secretaries and Committee members of their election and appointment but have not sent other necessary items to them because I have waited for the completed Minutes.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,
Elizabeth Park Lee.
(Mrs. John Harvey).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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS
Mrs. F. L. Bennett
156 Fifth Ave.
New York
N. Y.

General Council of the Woman's Boards of Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

8/10/17

Keene Valley Inn
Keene Valley, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Bennett. What are you proposing to do about reporting G. C. in the Magazine? As the Minutes have not yet been acted upon by the Boards there is much that cannot yet be announced. Do you think it wise to publish nothing until all can be given? Or to do it in sections? I think it a good plan to publish simultaneously in both if possible. I hear Year Book work is progressing well.

Are you going to take some vacation? It is perfect here now after a few days of longed-for rain.

Yours sincerely, M. E. Hodge.

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August 11, 1917.

Mrs. John H. Lee,
The Runnymede,
Atlantic City, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I think that I have no suggestions to make as to the heading of General Council stationery. That, that we are using is very neat and as the heading is the official title, we have no authority to make any change.

I had been thinking as to the desirability of notifying the Boards of changes in the list of those who were elected at the last meeting of General Council. I think it would, perhaps, be best if you would send a note to each of the 7 Boards saying that since the last meeting, Mrs. White had refused her election as Secretary for Publications and Mrs. George Scott her election as a member of Student Committee. Also call attention that the Student Committee was already one short on the Home side, that the nominating committee will fill these three vacancies and that information on this matter will be sent them later. That I think will clear up all the minutes.

I am glad to see that you have gotten away from home and hope you are finding Atlantic City most comfortable.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MTB/LH.

August 16, 1917.

Miss M. P. Hodge,
Keene Valley Inn,
Keene Valley, N. Y.

My dear Miss Hodge,

I had thought it was better not to report General Council in the magazines at all until the reports had come back from the Boards. It seems rather too bad to make two articles on this subject and I don't think it will be very long before we shall know definitely what has been done. As Mrs. Waters prepared the article last year, is it up to us to do it this time? If so, I think I will entrust it to Miss Quinlan who is particularly accurate. I was at "156" on Tuesday and asked about the Year Book and they tell me things are moving along smoothly and rapidly.

I am sorry to report that I have not had any vacation and it seems rather a question now whether I shall get any. I know this is not the proper way to do but it is one of those occasions that arise when you cannot always do the thing you deem wise but must do what you can.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MFB/LBH.

August 22, 1917.

Mrs. James A. Webb,
Madison,
New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Webb,

I have been wondering what is being done in relation to the Secretary for Publications and the possible changes in the Westminster Guild Secretaryship. I am writing now in relation to this matter because I begin to feel that as we did not make the change at once, it is going to be rather difficult to make it now. Miss Ogg has had to go ahead with the Bulletin and Westminster Guild work and her name will have to appear in the Bulletin which comes out early next month and which is about to go to the printer. It will really be very awkward to make a change. In addition, there seems to be a possibility that Miss Quinlan may stay at "156". I do not believe that to have an employed worker of our Board as Secretary for Publications would be quite satisfactory to the Foreign Boards. I hope, therefore, that it has seemed to be possible to find a foreign woman to take on that job. I think if this can be done, it will be more satisfactory in every way and that there will be less confusion.

I hope you have had a more restful Summer than have I. I am really quite overwhelmed with work and have had no vacation time at all. It is not the best way to do but it seemed impossible to do otherwise.

With much love

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

August 24, 1917.

Miss M. E. Hodge,
Keene Valley Inn,
Keene Valley, N. Y.

My dear Miss Hodge,

As you know the Nominating Committee of General Council has been much disturbed because of the refusal of Mrs. Stanley White to serve as Secretary for Publications. It was proposed that a change should be made by letting Miss Quinlan take the position of Secretary for Publications and asking Miss Ogg to give up the position of Westminster Guild Secretary. When this matter was taken up, however, it was found that some members of the Council much disapproved of this, chiefly Miss Coy. Miss Ogg, herself, would have been very willing to have done whatever was best for the Council. It is felt that the new Secretary should be from the New York or Philadelphia Board in order that the officers of the Council may more readily consult during these trial years. After talking with Mrs. Webb over the telephone this morning, I am wondering whether it is not possible that we may persuade you to take on this position of Secretary for Publications, thus assuring your presence on the Council for the coming year. I realize that you are tremendously rushed with work and I would not ask it if the Year Book of Prayer had not already been disposed of. That being out of the way, it seems to me that there should not be a great deal of work connected with the position. While, of course, there is no question of your fineness for the work, I confess very frankly that my chief desire is to have you back on General Council. I wish you would give this proposition your very earnest thought and I hope with the conclusion that you will write me that I may formally propose your name to the Nominating Committee. The acclaim with which it would be greeted you know well. Of course, I am making this proposition personally. Perhaps I should say another word about my feeling that the work is not going to be very heavy outside of the Year Book of Prayer. Miss Ogg, I think, will handle the Bulletin very well and you will only have to act in an advisory capacity there. I do not believe that there will be any great amount of joint literature to be prepared. I shall await anxiously a line from you saying that you can take this.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

College Camp, Wis.
Aug. 25, 1917.

Dear President:-

Thank you a thousand times for the W. G. Bulletin article - It is splendid - such a clear statement of the situation.

During the day between Conferences I got my part of Bulletin off to Miss Rumsey - I think the nominating committee of Gen. Council powerful slow! But I know it is summer and hard to reach people - However I am beginning to feel - if two Foreign Bid members cannot find a Sec. for Pub. from their number they ought to accept two Secretaries from Home Bid if necessary - After all the correspondence with Boards I have had to have and name in print I shall feel like a "quitter" or feel that I appear so if the change has to be made later. I wish we could know positively before the Bulletin goes to print and have my name removed from your article if it is to be. There would be only the Annual Report then, to which I am attached in print

I was so sorry to hear you had not been able to have the vacation that seemed so nearly yours.

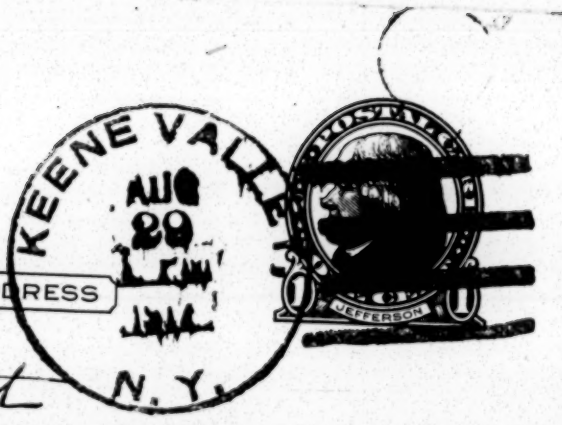
Life here has not been idle, especially during this Student Conference. Thursday afternoon I presented the Membership Basis and had our Presb. meeting in the evening. Yesterday afternoon talked on the Basis again but from another point of view to the Town and Country conference near here. Meetings and personal conferences in between make life rather strenuous but they are such a fine lot of girls I love to be with them.

I leave here Wednesday, return home for over night and start Friday on a motor trip down to Maryland and across Penn.

With love and thanks.

Yours affectionately,

Jessie



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. F. S. Bennett

Englewood

N. J.

General Council of the Woman's Boards of Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. 8/29/17

I forgot in my letter yesterday to acknowledge yours of the 16th inst. I think your suggestion as to the author of the article about S. C. for the two magazines is excellent and hope she will consent.

I am glad to hear that Year Book matters are moving smoothly. – Mrs. Lee writes that she has written to the Boards urging them to send their votes promptly. Yours sincerely, Margaret E. Hodge

PRESIDENT
MISS MARGARET E. HODGE
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. CHARLES P. TURNER

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

RECORDING SECRETARY
MISS EVELINA GRIEVES
TREASURER
MISS ANNA VLACHOS

Keene Valley Inn
Keene Valley, N. Y.
Aug. 28th 1917

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

Your surprising and flattering letter was received on Saturday and I would have answered yesterday if I had not spent the day climbing a mountain.

I am surprised that there was opposition to your proposition about Miss Quinlan, for I supposed if the Home Board and Miss Ogg consented everyone else would though Philadelphia would never have made such a suggestion.

Probably by this time you know of my letter to Mrs. Webb in which I spoke of Miss Purves, our Chairman of Pub. Com. as admirably fitted for the position of

Secy for Publications if she were not too busy to take it. She would be a fine addition to G. C. too, for she has wide knowledge and good judgment.

As to myself, I cannot answer definitely. In the first place I am not an expert in that line and prefer not to be considered until you ask Miss Purves, or unless you have an excellent reason for not asking her.

In the second place, I do not know whether I am now eligible for membership in G. C.

I wonder whether you have heard of our new plans for Central Committee. We have voted to have an Executive Com. of eight, composed of women from the New York and Philadelphia Boards, which shall meet monthly; and Central Com. itself will meet only biennially. In order to keep the Boards in close touch with each other and the Executive Com. we will have an Executive Sec'y who will visit the Boards annually and meet with the

Executive Com. and also with the Executive Council of the Assembly's Board. It is an expansion of the work I was inaugurating last year and is to be a full-time, salaried position. It has been offered to me and I have promised to try it for next year; it has not yet been fully decided whether I will have the salary or not. I would much prefer not to but for the sake of future incumbents and for the general principle it may be wise for me to take it. Our idea in creating the office has been to make it for the Woman's Boards what the Executive Secretaryship of the General Board (the position of Dr. Speer, et al.) is to that Board. The duties will not be exactly the same of course. One of my duties is to represent us at denominational and interdenominational conferences, but whether it is wise to have our Executive Sec'y on General Council is not for me to say. The question must be considered apart from me personally. I shall not be chairman of Central Com.

or even an active member of my own Board, but will try to be the common property of them all.

Miss Larison, who has had a great deal to do with all this, might be able to help you with the technical part, and you need not tell her that you have spoken to me about it so she will be unembarrassed in her advice.

So you see this is an additional reason for asking Miss Purves. Our Miss Boyle, Sec. for Literature, would be excellent too; she is a younger woman and very valuable. I do not know Mrs. Eagles who holds that office in the N. Y. Board, possibly she would be just the one.

We expect to go home on the 14th and when I begin my new work I expect to be half my time in New York.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

August 31, 1917.

Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Miss Quinlan,

You will probably recall that Mrs. Waters wrote an article which appeared in both "Woman's Work" and "Home Mission Monthly", explaining all the actions that had been completed by General Council and were, therefore, for publication. The question has been asked as to who should do that concerning the matters that passed the last meeting of the Council and I have told Miss Hodge that as they cared for this before, we would be responsible this time. I should like very much to have you prepare that article; it means but one as it appears in both magazines. Of course, it cannot be completed or published until a report has been received from all the Boards as to their action on various matters but I thought perhaps by letting you know now, you would the better work it in. I wish we could have it in the November number of the magazine at the very latest.

I was most sorry to learn that you had lost your watch.

Believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

MKB/LEH.

August 31, 1917.

Mrs. James A. Webb, Jr.,
Madison, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Webb,

I am sorry to follow you with any business while you are away on a vacation that is so much needed but I do feel that you should see this letter of Miss Hodge's at once. Because of the position that Miss Hodge is to occupy, I fe l that she will be peculiarly valuable on General Council and that it would be a mistake for her not to be there. On the other hand, I believe that if she, as a salaried officer is to serve there, there should be no objection to having the General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions on the Council who would be to us quite as valuable as Miss Hodge will be to the Foreign Boards. I leave the matter in your hands and shall not reply to Miss Hodge until I hear from you and have back her letter.

Believe me that I am, with every good wish for a happy vacation,

Faithfully yours,

Encl. 1.
MKB/LEH.

SEA CLIFF INN
NANTUCKET ISLAND
MASSACHUSETTS

Sept. 4. 1917

My dear Mrs Bennett:-

Your note of the 31st and Miss Hodgis letter have been read with deep interest. It seems to me that this new development in Central Committee may make some change in General Council membership for Miss Hodge as Executive Secretary of

the Foreign Bonds and
our General Secretary —
where we have one —
would be invaluable
on General Council —
at least as Advisory
members —
Under the circumstances
I think it wise to
ask Miss Purves of the
Philadelphia Board
to serve as Secy for
Publication hours leaving
Miss Ogg in her present

SEA CLIFF INN
NANTUCKET ISLAND
MASSACHUSETTS

position.

I may be away until the 15th. Could we leave the matter until then: let the Waters see the correspondence with the Miss Hodge and then the Waters - you and I consult. You can send to me directly here - it saves a few hours - at least until the 11th and I will let you know

if longer.

I only wish that you
were right here in
our Sea Cliff cottage -
there is plenty of room
and it is most restful
and quiet - the take
our meals at the hotel
but really live at the
cottage. I am sure that
the fresh sea air
would do you good -

Lovingly yours
Hettie S. Hett

G.C.-

September 4, 1917.

Miss Mary E. Allis,
Sunset Hill House,
Sugar Hill, New Hampshire.

My dear Miss Allis,

I have been most dilatory in replying to your letter of August 9 I know but it has been almost impossible to straighten out matters relative to General Council owing to the fact that we have not a full official family. One of the conditions has been owing to the fact that we have not yet a Secretary for Publications. Under the circumstances, it seems necessary that all manuscript that belongs directly or indirectly to General Council must be sent to the Chairman of that body and she will have to act for a Secretary for Publications in so far as reading manuscripts. After that I shall, of course, take the liberty to refer these back to any Board for printing. This rule being the one I am following in other cases, it would, I suppose, be the rule in regard to the programme being prepared for circles by Miss Chultz. I am sure you understand that I am not offering myself as a critic or in any personal capacity but simply because this seems to come as my responsibility in this present emergency. If, therefore, Miss Chultz's material can be sent me, I will look it over at once. I shall be very glad if you would take this up with Miss Chultz.

As to the suspense account or the balance of the suspense account, I think it would be much simpler if you would turn this over to Miss Ogg rather than to have it return in to the Boards again.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

JFB:LEH.

M.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

M. C.

New York, September 5th, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Your letter of August 4th reached my desk just after I had left on my vacation, which will account for the delay in acknowledging the same.

I devoted myself to Year Book copy before leaving my desk August 1st, and it was then ready for the balancing of the pages, which has been so successfully done by Miss Crowell and Miss Quinlan. I have finished reading proof for the foreign pages, and am sending you the Foreword, as it came to me, to know whether you have any corrections to make in it, and also whether you did not intend to sign it. Such changes as have already been made in it, were not made by me.

I do not know who has the matter of the cover in charge, but perhaps Miss Quinlan does.

I have asked the printer to come and see me in connection with one or two minor points to-morrow morning, feeling, with you, that it is important to have the book ready for circulation at the earliest moment possible. I am much interested in this uniting of the two books, and feel that we must all work with a will to make it the success hoped for it.

I am sure you will return this proof to me at as early a date as possible.

Very cordially yours,

Mary H. Wood

encl: (Mrs. Halsey L.)

Hand Book

September 6, 1917.

Mrs. F. E. Waid,
Sound Beach Ave.,
Sound Beach, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Waid,

Your letter of September 1 enclosing the MSS of the Handbook is at hand. I am sending this at once to Mrs. Ingry as Chairman of the Committee of Publications. It is, of course, the agreement that all joint publications should be approved by the Secretary for Publications of General Council. There being no-one in that position at present, I have had to take,, in most instances, the responsibility of approving material. In this particular case, however, I agree with you that the copy should be sent to the Boards and as the Boards as a whole could not pass upon this, I am placing it in the hands of our logical agency. I must confess that I am disappointed in the lack of originality in form and of freshness of set up in this material. I think our Committee will probably deal fairly severely with this copy. I have asked that it be given immediate attention.

I was told the other day that various ones have said that the first three chapters of "Missionary Mile-stones were taken practically verbatim from Lindsay's History of the Reformation and that you were one of those who had said this. I am very curious to know if this is correctly attributed to you, or at least, whether the fact itself is correct. I have had no time to look up the book and have only gone over it very casually as yet.

We speak of you often and wonder how you are spending your Summer. I suppose you are as busy as ever. I have had a most unusual number of things to attend to, both Board and local, and in addition to this I have for three weeks, been without any maids. That in itself has meant I have been rather more overwhelmed than I usually am with home matters. I have no-one in sight yet and am too busy really to go out and find any-one. Winifred and her husband have been here for some weeks and Harry is with us just now, waiting the call to go to France with the Hospital Unit with which he has enlisted. They have no idea, of course, when they will go and when they do it will probably be on short notice. I suppose this is just as well so that one can not sit down and think over the details too long in advance. The waiting time is always particularly hard for them and I hope that as he is to go, he may not have to endure that.

With warm remembrances to your good husband, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MB:MH.

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST
Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.
CHICAGO

September
Seventh
1917

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

It has been in my mind during the preparation of the Joint Handbook that the manuscript was to be sent to the Boards for approval after our committee had prepared it. To-day I have referred to the minutes of the January meeting regarding it, and find that the committee is to prepare and print the Handbook, acting in accordance with the rule in Publications #2, about submitting the manuscript to all Boards.

That rule provides "that carbon copies of joint publications be submitted to both Home and Foreign Boards, and if no definite order has been received within three weeks it will be considered that the publication is not desired. Manuscripts will be sent to the Boards as heretofore."

Is it, therefore, your understanding that as chairman of the committee I shall send copies of the manuscript, as prepared by the committee, to Mrs. Lee who will send them to all the Boards and obtain their orders? Not asking for approval or disapproval, but simply the number of copies desired. Or does the last sentence mean something it doesn't say?

Publication #2 you will notice does not correspond with the ruling for Secretary for Publications in June Minutes of General Council- Page #23 Article VI, nor with revised rules Page #2 Article #3.

Yours most cordially,

Alice Wood Coy.

(Mrs. L. Le.)

AWC/K

G.C.

September 10, 1917.

Miss Mary E. Allis,
Room 501, Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Allis:

I have mailed to Mr. Armstrong the manuscript that you sent me, but have not made any change therein. It seems to me an admirable program in every way and I congratulate Miss Schultz upon its accomplishment, and you upon having this.

In talking over the printing of the various programs , the question has arisen as to addresses to which those wishing copies of these publications should send. When a booklet bears the joint imprint of the Woman's Boards of Missions, etc., there can be no address. In such case, it seems to me, that there should always be printed in the back of the booklet the full list of the seven Woman's Boards with addresses. It was agreed, of course, that all joint publications should bear this imprint. However, as our Board does not carry your programs, and as you do not carry ours, it is a serious question whether we are not pushing uniformity to the point of absurdity when we place on these addresses from which copies cannot be secured. I am, therefore, inclined for the present, to take the responsibility of saying that while the Bible Study Course shall bear the joint imprint because it is definitely a joint publication, the Study Courses for the text books would better continue as heretofore. The one prepared by the Woman's Board of Home Missions is not submitted in manuscript to the Foreign Boards, neither is yours submitted to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Until this matter can be gone into further by General Council, I am ready to take the responsibility of saying that this year the Foreign publications may bear the imprint of the Board preparing the same as has been customary heretofore, while that published by the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall bear its imprint.

I realize fully that this is not strictly following the letter of the law, but while these publications are for joint organizations, they are not joint publications and I am fearful that we may cause confusion by the joint imprint . I shall take this matter up with the members of General Council.

I will answer the other matter in your letter at an early date.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/D

G. C.

September 11, 1917.

Mrs. Halsey L. Wood,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Wood,

I am returning the copy of the "Foreword" which you sent. There was no proof enclosed in your letter and I have signed this copy with my usual signature. I had hesitated to add any name but a number with whom I have consulted, feel that because of the fact that this is to be issued under the auspices of General Council it should be added.

I had taken up the cover for the Year Book with Miss Sheibley and had supposed that she had taken it up with you. Before that, I had talked with Miss Hodge about the matter and we had agreed that as there was not time to have a design prepared and submitted to the Boards, to use this year a very simple cover of brown with dark brown lettering and to have on it nothing but the necessary wording such as is used on the title page, that wording having been formally approved by General Council. I should not wish to take the responsibility for deciding upon any other kind of a cover and feel that we must submit this to a committee later.

Believe me that I am, with every hope that the work is progressing satisfactorily,

Very cordially yours,

Encl. 1.
MKB:LEH.

G. C.

September 11, 1917.

Mrs. D. E. Waid,
Sound Beach Ave.,
Sound Beach, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Waid,

As I wrote you under date of September 6, I sent the manuscript to Mrs. Ingry. She has just returned it to me saying that she does not know what members of the Committee of Publications can be found and does not wish to delay the matter and thinks it would be better for it to be placed in the hands of a committee named for this purpose, the committee being made up of those who could act promptly.

Meanwhile in the same mail came a letter from Mrs. Coy saying that she has been looking up the actions of General Council relative to the preparation of the hand book and finds that in January 1917, "It was voted that a committee be appointed to proceed immediately with the preparation and printing of a hand book acting in accordance with the rule in Publications 2 about submitting the manuscript to all the Boards." She asks whether she is to interpret Publications 2 in a very literal sense. I am enclosing to you a copy of my answer to Mrs. Coy and would be very glad, as you are a member of that committee, to take this matter up further with you after our Board meeting next Tuesday. Meanwhile I shall have to hold the manuscript for a few days until I see what can be done with it. Our members are still so scattered that it is almost impossible to get work done.

Believe me that I am, with every cordial good wish,

Faithfully yours,

Encl. 1.
KB/LEH.

G.C

September 11, 1917.

Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Miss Quinlan,

I have written Miss Sheibley asking her to let you know what she did about the dodger for the Year Book of Prayer and have asked her to write to you directly. I am, therefore, returning to you Miss Curves's letter in order that as soon as you hear from Miss Sheibley, you may be able to write Miss Curves as to the situation. It grows clearer in my mind all the time that Miss Sheibley and I agreed that she would better see Mrs. Wood as to this matter. You might speak to Mrs. Wood yourself, if you see her.

Faithfully yours,

Enc. 1.
MKB:LLH.

G.C.

September 11, 1917.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
509 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coy,

The last few days have brought some rather perplexing questions in connection with the work of General Council and I assure you I do not consider myself fortunate in happening to be the Chairman during this time of breaking ground for new work. My one thought, however, is that the work shall not be hampered by red tape and I frankly confess that I always shall judge with much leniency as possible in order to push forward anything that is needed. Not the least perplexing of all the problems is that submitted in your letter of September 7 to which I have been giving careful thought.

First, let me say that ordinarily I would understand that article 6 of Standing Rules which defines the Secretary for Publications would supersede Publications 2 which is contradictory and did we now have a Secretary for Publications, I should thus rule. As, however, in January it was voted specifically that the hand book should be furthered in accordance with the rule in Publications 2, I believe that in this particular instance, that should be the one that will control; that is: "Carbon copies of joint publications be submitted to both Home and Foreign Boards, and if no definite order has been received within three weeks, it will be considered that the publication is not desired. Manuscripts will be sent to the Boards as heretofore." It would be, therefore, my understanding that you, as Chairman of the Committee, will send copies of the manuscript to Mrs. Lee who will send such to all the Boards.

Beyond this point is where I feel that, as Chairman, it becomes my duty to make a ruling. I do not understand that either Publications 2 or Standing Rule 6 could possibly be considered to mean that there must be a definite "Yes" or "No" as a reply to the submission of a manuscript. This, it seems to me, would result in our having very few joint publications. My understanding of this would be that if a Board absolutely declined to use a proposed publication, silence would thus indicate. Under the ruling in Publications 2, I should say, however, that the Boards heard from within three weeks, would be at liberty to make suggestions as to changes in the manuscript which would seem to them to make it more desirable. For example: every Board desires a hand book—it is quite within possibilities that the manuscript to be presented may not exactly meet the needs. The Boards will, therefore, desire to make comments and return same for further consider tion by the committee. This would be my position in this matter and unless you, as Chairman of the committee, see some definite objection thereto, I should ask you to proceed as above.

Believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

MEB:LEH.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

H.C.

September 13th, 1917

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

This morning I had occasion to see Mrs. Wood about the Year Book, and so spoke about the dodger, as you suggested. She did not say anything definite so I do not know how she feels about getting one out at this late date.

Enclosed is the second cover page, topic list, which I showed you the other day. Mrs. Wood emphatically feels that on the foreign column they want to eliminate the lines which I have marked out, and put "General Topics" instead, in July. She also thinks that ~~many~~ heading of that column gives undue prominence to the Assembly's Boards of Foreign Missions. If on the foreign column we do not follow the topic list as exactly arranged by the committee, it seems to me that on the Woman's Board and on the Board of Home Missions columns we must also eliminate "Review of the Year", "Outlook for the Year", and "Home Missions at General Assembly", and "Frontier America".

I told Mrs. Wood that I would refer the page to you. Will you please let me know your decision? Word ~~it~~ so that I can show your letter to her.

Miss Goddard asked me whether I would take Mr. Allaben's place in speechifying next Tuesday, and I consented.

Cordially yours,

Florence E. Dunlap

FEQ/MEB

M.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

M.C

New York, September 12th, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I gave the foreign corrected galley proof to the printer yesterday, and have already sent him your "Foreword" this morning. The copy I sent you was all that came to me - I did not see your original copy. I had understood that you, as Chairman of General Council which issues the Book, were to write and sign the "Foreword", and as this appears on one of the foreign pages, I was anxious to have it just as you had planned.

Mr. Luckings, who represents the Darling Press, brought samples for cover with him yesterday, and as he had received no instructions in regard to this from anyone else, Miss Quinlan and I, in consultation, selected a soft light brown paper, I think, happily, just such as you describe in your letter, and upon which the simple title selected is to be printed. Copies will be submitted to the Committee for selection.

I hope matters will move rapidly from now on, as two of the Foreign Boards have already made inquiries as to when they may expect an assignment of the Books. These were prompted partly, I suspect, by curiosity, as Central Committee Rule only required that these be at the respective Headquarters prior to October 1st.

I trust that you had a restful summer, and I would add in some cool place, if I had heard of any such!

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. H. L.) Mary W. Wood —

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

M. C.

New York, September 28th, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Englewood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Miss Schiebley telephoned me that, because of a multiplicity of appointments, you were unable to see me in connection with the Year Book Flyer, and that you had requested Miss Quinlan to represent you in connection with it. Miss Quinlan feels that the last paragraph attached to "The Scattered Family" is not adequate, and prefers that you see the one I have marked No. 2, and which was one of Miss Hodge's suggestions. I doubt if there is space for the addresses of the Woman's Boards, as Mrs. Elliot, who wrote the Flyer, calculates space rather closely. Our dodger has never been so much as an advertisement, as an appeal for the use of the book on its spiritual side.

I am indeed sorry to trouble so busy a woman with this matter, and I am sure you will return the proof to me "with all due diligence", as the banks advise, as the dodger is already so late in getting in circulation.

Orders for the Year Book were a nuisance to "Woman's Work", which has no facilities for handling the book, yet to which orders were frequently sent, and uncluded in subscriptions for the Magazine. My office took care of over 300 such orders last year which came to "Woman's Work", and these were not always intended for the Year Book of Prayer, although they were filled as such. More than once the Year Book of Prayer was returned to "Woman's Work", with word that the order was intended for the "Prayer Calendar".

Very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Wood

encl: (Mrs. Halsey Le.)

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.

CHICAGO

September
Fifteenth
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Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of September 11th. I very gladly accept your ruling regarding the manuscript of the Hand-book, and shall proceed according to your instructions as soon as my committee is ready to submit the result of our efforts.

Yours most cordially,

(Mrs. F. H.) Alice Wood Coy.

AWC/K

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Sept. 21. 1917.

Mrs. F. D. Bennett-
156-5th Ave., New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett-

All of the Boards have now accepted all G. C. recommendations so the actions now become effective - Is it my duty to notify all of the Boards of this? Should I also give the Boards a brief statement of the meeting of the Student Committee in June?

Let me also say that the six Foreign Boards are willing to drop the word financial as proposed by the Women's Home Board, and give the sum for running expenses to the Secretary. I am just now notifying all Secretaries and Chairmen of the Rules and actions of G. C. pertaining to their respective offices.

It seems to be my duty to call a meeting of U. S. A. Committee - I will find out their usual time & place & meeting and send

notices for it.

Yours very sincerely
Elizabeth Pack Lee.

(Mrs. John Henry).

Has the vacancies been filled yet? If so, I could notify the Board of that along with these other matters.

E.P.L.

9.C

September 24, 1917.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

Your letter of September 21 saying that the Boards have now accepted all the recommendations made by General Council, is at hand and I shall be very glad if you will notify all the Boards to that effect. To be quite in order I suppose it should say that the following actions have been ratified by all the Boards and therefore become effective, then giving a list of the actions. As much of the minutes are detail this would not really be very long, I should say. Will you insert therein that the word "financial" is to be dropped from the motion relative to the running expenses of the Council, making it possible to send the amount to the Secretary. If you will notify me at what time you wish the amount of the Home Board sent to you, I will see that this is done.

The vacancies in the Student Committee have not yet been filled. I am sorry that it is not possible to add that to your letter, neither has a Secretary for Publications been secured so that cannot be finished up. If you will call a meeting of the "Over Sea and Land" committee together, I think that your duties for the present will be ended and you can rest for a few weeks from this special correspondence.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MMB/LEH.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

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Sept. 25. 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156-5th Ave., New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

Here are the replies to your three questions. Don't it remarkable how apparently simple questions develop into very complicated questions?

You have no doubt heard of the reorganization of Central Committee with a new Executive Committee consisting of New York and Philadelphia Board women who will meet in New York once a month. All the Boards feel that this will be a very valuable committee to all of our work.

Yours very sincerely.

(Mrs. John Harry). Elizabeth Park Lee.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
September 26, 1917.

To the members of General Council.

Dear Friends:

I have heard from all the Boards stating that the Minutes of the meeting of General Council June 19-20, 1917, have been carried. According to the Standing Rules (IV - 2,c) all recommendations have been carried and go into effect.

I am enclosing a copy of the Standing Rules, which have now been approved by the Boards, and which should be appended to the Minutes.

Thanking you for your prompt replies, and with sincere good wishes for your workthis coming winter, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. H.) Elizabeth Park Lee

Secretary.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

4. C.

September 28th, 1917

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Mrs. Wood has just been in the office with the Dodger for the Year Book of Prayer. It seems that she had already submitted a copy to Miss Hodge and it had been passed by her and that Mrs. Wood, this morning, gave a copy to the printer before submitting it to us. I suggested various minor changes and also the need of the imprint or list of Boards with addresses, but she did not seem to feel that either was necessary.

I called Miss Sheibley into the office also and we three decided that it was wiser after all to have Mrs. Wood send the Dodger to you. I called attention to the fact that the dodger had been signed by Mrs. Elliott. How does that point strike you? Mrs. Wood says that in its present length it will just occupy the two sides of a single leaf.

I am sorry to trouble you with this matter, but it seemed best, as Mrs. Wood did not take very kindly the suggestions we made.

Sincerely yours,

Flouna E. Quinlan

FEQ/HHB

Since dictating the above, Mrs Wood has again been down & I think some of the suggestions will be incorporated in the copy she sends you.

MKB/LEH.

September 28, 1917.

Miss E. Jessie Ogg,
104 South Elliot Pl.,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Jessie,

I have been on such a tear since your letter came from Delaware, Ohio, that it has been absolutely out of the question for me to answer it or to answer many other communications that have come. You will be home now in a few days so I am not going to try to go into all the details concerning the Westminster Guild manuscripts; that is: Mrs. Berry's Bible Study and Miss Schultz's Program. They had to be gone over in a tremendous hurry at the last and you were moving about so rapidly that as Chairman of General Council, I took the place of the Secretary for Publications and O. K.'d them. I am afraid I was not quite certain that as Westminster Guild Secretary you had not approved these, but in any case in the whole confusion, the matter has gone ahead and been attended to and if there is anybody to blame I am the one.

I shall want to take up with you the whole question of imprints on these things when you return. I go to Pittsburg October 1-4 but after that will be available to see to Board matters.

Sorry that you have been running down hill during the trip. My own experience is that that is often the case when one begins to relax. It is not very encouraging, I know, but you will probably feel all the good effects of the trip when you come home.

With much love

Lovingly yours,

MKB/LEH.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

September 20th, 1917

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

You asked me to pick out the various discrepancies in "Standing Rules of General Council". I received from Mrs. Lee "Standing Rules" as adopted by General Council and approved by the Boards. I find that these are the same as those on page 19-22 of the Minutes of General Council. However, at the back of those Minutes with the duties of secretaries and standing committees there is a revision of Article VI of Standing Rules, and it was particularly that revision that struck me as incorrect. this past week

I will note all discrepancies that I have seen, even though the copy received from Mrs. Lee does not follow the article as amended by that special committee.

Duties of Secretaries (You will find it on the page following page 30.)
In the title "standing" should be omitted.
The paragraphs are not in order in which they appear in Standing Rules as adopted.
Also some paragraphs are left out.
(a) Sec. 1 "the standing committee on Student Work", a Standing Committee on Over Sea & Land.
(b) Sec. 2 "All" should be omitted and "standing" inserted instead.
(d) Sec. 3 Each standing committee.
(c) Sec. 4 Chairmen of standing committees.
Sec. 5 and 6 should be inserted.
(e) Sec. 7 "All" should be omitted and standing inserted.
"The Nominating Committee should also after consultation with the Boards fill all vacancies."

Article VII of Standing Rules should also appear with specific duties of secretaries. Note for instance, Sec. 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10.

Secretaryies for Publication
Sec. 2 Should there not be a "small" inserted after "bulletin and"?
Sec. 3 Manuscripts
Sec. 6 See page 23 of Minutes, VIII "Also to each of the Boards". Sec VII - 5 -

Secretary for Westminster Guild
Sec. 2 Should this not be two paragraphs? We do not want to lose sight of the bulletin.
Note in Sec. 4 that this committee reports to each Board. Sec VII - 5 -
Sec. 5 "Regular ruling regarding "ad interim" (Omit the "the".)

Committee on Over Sea & Land
Sec. 3 The third sentence about "the present committee"!!!

O.K.

Sec. 5 Report to each of the Boards. On the last line the "its" is rather ambiguous,- refers to?

Committee on Student Work

Sec. 3 (a) "It shall"
(b) "It shall"
(c) "This committee"
(d) "The committee"

Can we not have these four paragraphs more uniform?

(a) "during student days" - omit "the".

Sec. 4 Why not follow the same wording as "Committee on Over Sea & Land?
~~Sec. 4~~ "Shall be by her expended".
Sec. 5 "To the presidents and to the Student Secretary of each Board or to some other officer". Report to the Boards? See VII -5--

Student Secretaries (Field)

"Through visitation" is rather a bad beginning for duties (preparation), "And endeavor to relate them" - the "them" of course refers to "young women" but it looks as if it were the interests of the church to be related to the missionary activities.

Sec. 2 "Cooperate with the student committee."

Student Secretaries (Board)

Sec. 6 Shall keep the ~~standing~~ Student committee informed. Is this the ~~Stand-ing~~ Student Committee of the Board or of General Council?

Last line - to the Student Committee.

There ~~was~~ were several other minor things which I noticed in themselves possibly not important, yet they might become so. On the page signed by Miss Hodge, July 24, 1917 (2) it says: "and reported back to them that two-thirds of the seven Boards have voted affirmative thereon". I fear if we continue to use this phraseology we may in the future have some of the same old confusion. If we could in the future say "and reported back to them that a two-thirds affirmative vote of the seven Boards has been received". 12

Page three of the Minutes the definition of Program Committee was
X " a meeting, or series of meetings". Page sixteen, the Woman's Board did not submit the recommendation "in January". We submitted it either June 5th or Sept. 28th.- I forget which, and reported progress in January. Page eighteen, I notice that in the copy just received from Mrs. Lee the correction made by the Home Board ~~Exe~~ at its meeting on July 26th has not been inserted. "Two-thirds of the votes of delegates present from the Woman's Foreign Boards".

Sincerely yours,

Florence E. Quinlan

FEQ/MHB

X I called attention to this at our July 26 Board meeting.

G. C.

October 1, 1917.

Mrs. Halsey L. Wood,
Miss Florence E. Quinlan,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Friends,

As the immediate care for the Year Book of Prayer has been entrusted to you, I am conveying to you at this time the sense of discussions as to the distribution of the Prayer Calendar. These discussions have nowhere culminated in motions but I think you can be guided by the thought. In view of the fact that the Prayer Calendar is a joint publication, Secretaries for Literature, among whom are joint officers, will order their full supplies from one Board instead of dividing between a Foreign Board and the Home Board as formerly. The question has risen whether for this year fifteen thousand copies should be taken by the Woman's Board of Home Missions and fifteen thousand distributed among the six Foreign Boards, leaving later adjustments to the Boards involved, or whether it would be better to pool interests on the Year Book of Prayer in some way. I give you this suggestion as making it possible for you to take up the discussion of this matter. One point, of course, has received your attention and that is, in fairness, all deliveries from the printer should be one-half to the Foreign Boards and one-half to the Home Boards as the large sales come early in the year. This is imperative if we are to have equal opportunities in the disposition of the Year Book of Prayer.

I trust I have made myself clear on this matter and remain

Very sincerely yours,

MEB/LMH.

G. C.

October 1, 1917.

Mrs. Halsey L. Wood,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Wood,

I am returning the material for the flyer. While it is very helpful, I am a little sorry that it is such solid matter rather than in the form of advertising material. I am sure you would wish me to be frank about this. As it is advertising material I do not think that the name of the one who has prepared it should appear and I have, therefore, taken out the name.

On the first page, it would seem to me that the last sentence of the first paragraph might be omitted or else leave that in and omit the third sentence in the next paragraph--they practically tell the same fact and it seems to me unnecessary to have the two. I prefer No. 2 on the last page of the first form of advertisements although I changed that somewhat. It seems to me very important that the addresses should appear upon this dodger--I find as I go about that we are constantly subject to criticism where we do not have addresses on advertising material. It is surprising the number of people who have no idea where their denominational headquarters are and I think that we should make some contraction of this material to meet that or have a slip that could be folded, as I have indicated on the enclosed piece of paper, attached.

I was extremely sorry not to see you the other day but I am sure you appreciate how conditions are frequently that there is not one single instant.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

Encl. 1 .
MKB/LEH.

October 12, 1917.

Miss Florence Quinlan,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Miss Quinlan,

I am enclosing the letter from Miss Hodge received from you. I feel that the best arrangement concerning the distribution of the Year Book of Prayer for Missions for the year 1918 is to use the copy that you sent me, having only two paragraphs and omitting any question of who is to act as agent in distribution. Another year we may be able to straighten this out better, but at present I think I should let it go at that.

Will you be sure that I have a copy of the Dodger when it is out? So often these things get by me.

When you have had time to corelate the rules governing Secretaries and Committees under General Council, will you be good enough to send the same to me? I shall not take the matter up with Miss Lee at all until I have heard further from youon this. I can hardly say what a relief it is going to be when I get this whole thing off my ming for there is such confusion in it.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.
Encl. 1.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Oct. 12. 1917

Dear Mrs Bennett:-

Miss Walker writes me that she understands that Mrs Fleming - formerly of India now of Englewood has been asked to become a member of the New York Board to serve as Board Student secretary - She feels that she would be, in that event - the logical candidate from that Board for the meaning on General Councils Student Committee - If she has accepted, she will probably be elected at the Board meeting on Wednesday -

Miss Walker is anxious, if this goes through, to have Mrs Fleming attend the Student Committee meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday. There are a good many "ifs" in the proposition but provided that they are overcome, have I your vote for Mrs Fleming as a member of the Student Committee of General Council?

At the N. J. Synodical yesterday, I saw a good deal of Elinor Purves of Princeton. The Young Peoples work in our Presbyterian has been distinctly strengthened these last few years since she took up the work as secretary. I am wondering how she would do as one of the new members of our Board. Of course Princeton is pretty far

from New York to make two of
great service on committees. She is
a Smith graduate 1904. and a
very efficient girl -- (ah teach 32 or 38)
She came into my mind though
I can see that the distance is
a dear Each.

I was so sorry to have to be away
on Wednesday. Envy one enjoyed
your coming. and only regretted
that your stay had to be so
brief. Just between ourselves I
am getting a little anxious about
our new member of the Student
Staff - I am learning things that
touch me ... me feel that she would

better not be given too much field work at first - This work may prove - and I sincerely hope it may prove to be - just the think she needs to develop her abilities -

Lovingly yours

Hettie S. Webb

(Mrs James A. P.)

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

October 22, 1917.

TO THE MEMBERS OF GENERAL COUNCIL:

Dear Friends,

Very lately questions arose relative to the distribution of the Year Book of Prayer. It seemed undesirable to make radical changes this year but to use usual methods so far as possible. However, the enclosed recommendations were prepared by the Committee having the details in charge and these were approved by Miss Hodge, representing Central Committee and by the Chairman of General Council. They are sent to you in order that your Board may understand exactly the plan. You will note that the question of redistribution in case one Board sells out while another Board has a large supply on hand has been left for future consideration. It was felt that it would be wiser to have some experience before making rules.

Very sincerely yours,

Encl. 1.
MKB/LEH.

G.C.

October 26, 1917.

Mrs. J. H. Lee,
6135 Greene St.,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

Will you pardon a typewritten note of thanks for your invitation for luncheon yesterday and my very sincere regret that I was not able to stay over in Germantown and be with you?

I want also to express my regret that there was no opportunity for us to talk of General Council matters. I realized at once that the demands on your time would make this impossible while the Synodical Society was meeting with you and so did not broach the subject. As you are now Chairman of Central Committee as well as Secretary for General Council, I feel that it would be well for us to talk when the opportunity comes in order that I may have a clear understanding of just what the new relationships are and under what circumstances I am to approach Miss Hodge and under which approach you. While I understand in a measure the arrangement made, I am not quite clear upon this point.

There are some questions of policy that I feel must be discussed at the meeting in January and I suppose we shall soon have to be planning for the docket for that date. According to the rules of General Council, all matters for the docket must be sent to the Secretary :
"Each Board shall, before December first, send to the Secretary of General Council all matters for consideration at the annual meeting."

With every appreciation of the delightful hospitality of the people of the Second Church, I remain always

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

General Council
OF THE
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OF THE
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Room 48, 509 So. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

October
Twenty-sixth
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Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

It is not surprising that you have expected to receive a copy of the manuscript of the hand-book before this, but the delay has been through no fault of mine.

On August 28th I sent copies of the revised manuscript to Mrs. Waid and Mrs. Waters for approval. On September 3rd Mrs. Waters wrote me giving further suggestions. Having heard nothing from Mrs. Waid on October 9th I again wrote her asking for her reply. On October 16th I received a letter from Mrs. Waid saying that she had understood from you that I was to go ahead with the copies for the Boards, and so thought there was no need for any remarks from her.

The question of including statistics in the hand-book and in the chart has been a very real one. It seemed necessary to write Mrs. Waid once again regarding this, and as soon as I have her reply I will send the manuscripts at once to Mrs. Lee. They are all ready, I am just waiting to make one insertion after I hear from Mrs. Waid.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lee) Alice Wood Coy.

AWC/K

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October
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Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of the Northwest, held Friday morning October 26th, the following recommendations were accepted.

"Recommend that all deliveries of the Year Book of Prayer for Missions from the printer shall be one-half to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the same number being delivered at the same time to each, and that the Boards in New York and Philadelphia do not begin selling until one week after shipment has been made to the Pacific Coast, the other four Boards to begin selling as soon as stock is received."

"Recommend that the expense of printing be met equally by the Woman's Foreign Boards and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, author's changes to be divided as justly as possible."

Cordially yours,

Alice Woodbridge Coy.

(Mrs. L. H.)

AWC/K

October 27, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
501 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Hodge,

The Summer has been so rushed a one with War work as well as the regular things that I had thought filled my time that it has not been possible for me to write you in reply to your letter of August 28 but Mrs. Webb tells me now that you have been good enough to accept the position of Secretary for Publications for General Council. The Year Book of Prayer is out of the way and I have just sent back the manuscript for the Christian Endeavor programs. Possibly these latter should have been turned over to you but half of the programs had already been returned to Portland when I learned that you had accepted the office. I did not, therefore, think it quite fair to ask you to look at the other hald. I do not believe the work is going to be very burdensome for the remainder of the year; at least, I trust so for I realize that your new responsibility must mean much work. I am anxious to have a talk with you and learn whether Central Committee and you stand relative to General Council, whether the new adjustments have made any difference in that relationship.

I very greatly congratulate the Woman's Foreign Board and the General Board of Foreign Missions on having secured you as Executive Secretary, but I do feel that you have accepted it at considerable sacrifice.

I shall probably see you at the time of the Student Conference in New York if not before and I reamin, with every appreciation of your re-entry into the work of General Council,

Most faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

PRESIDENT
MISS MARGARET E. HODGE
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. CHARLES P. TURNER

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

RECORDING SECRETARY
MISS EVELINA GRIEVES
TREASURER
MISS ANNA VLACHOS

Oct. 30th 1917

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am not going to draw back about the position of Secretary for Publications but I find that there has been a misunderstanding between Mrs. Webb and me in regard to the consultation of the Boards. As I wrote you Aug. 28th, my new position raises more than one technicality in regard to my eligibility for the position, and I understood Mrs. Webb to say that she had consulted the Boards and that their approval. As the Philadelphia Board did not know about it until your letter to Mrs. Lee, I presume Mrs. Webb meant that she had consulted individuals in New York. By

course & know that the Nominating Com. can fill vacancies, but this case may be creating a precedent and so I think we would better go a little slowly. I find that the Phila. Board has doubts about my taking this work in view of my many and varied and somewhat unknown duties as Executive Secy, and I do not want to take the position if the Foreign Boards do not approve. Mrs. Lee has succeeded me as chairman of Central Com. and she is writing to ask what they think. The Executive Com. will meet some time in Nov. and I think I would better not assume office until that has met. Meantime, if I can do anything to help I will gladly do so unofficially.

Thank you for your appreciation of my position in taking the office of Executive Secretary. I believe in the work and there seemed no one except me just now who could step in, but it has involved considerable sacrifice. Cordially yours, Margaret E. Hodge

9.c.

November 1, 1918.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I cannot seem to recall whether I have written you relative to a date for the January meeting of General Council. If I have, will you pardon me for sending another while this matter is again before me? The matter of the date is left to the Chairman and Secretary, I believe, but I have just been told that probably the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions will meet in Chicago this year. If so, will that disturb our meeting of General Council? Will the women who come to our meeting wish to be in Chicago for the other? I feel thatithis is a problem that must be worked out by the Foreign Women more or less as the members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions are in New York. The Council of Women for Home Missions meets the eighth of January so that as soon as that matter has been disposed of, they will be ready to take up another meeting.

It came to me yesterday that I wondered if it would not be well for you in writing to the Chairmen of the Standing Committees and the Secretaries under General Council to ask them to send for the Docket any questions of Administration that have embarrassed them. It was not so difficult to put out a theory but the actual out-working of that theory may not be easy and I do feel that we should strive to get our rules governing these officers clear and workable in order that we can feel that that one thing is settled and their work can proceed. It cannot be hampered by unsatisfactory rules, I am sure we all feel that.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

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General Council
OF THE
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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
November 2, 1917.

To the Members of General
Council.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Bennett wishes me to remind you that items for the docket for the January meeting should be in my hands by December first. The exact date for the meeting in January will be announced very shortly.

You have all doubtless received Mrs. Bennett's card announcing that Miss Margaret E. Hodge has accepted the appointment of the Nominating Committee to the office of Secretary for Publications of General Council. This is a very happy ending to a very perplexing problem.

The Conference for Student Secretaries in New York next week promises to be a very helpful and inspiring one. This you will recall has been planned in accordance with General Council action at the June meeting. The Student Committee with Mrs. H. K. Twitchell, Chairman, are hard at work, and definite reports of its meetings and of the Over Sea and Land Committee, Miss Jane Foster, Chairman, will be sent you as soon as I have received them from the Committees.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. John Harvey) Elizabeth Park Lee

Secretary.

General Council
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OF THE
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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
November 24 1917.

To the Secretaries and Chairmen
of Standing Committees of
General Council.

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Bennett wishes me to remind you that items for the docket for the January meeting of General Council should be sent to me before December first. She is also very desirous to know whether or not you are finding any difficulties in the administration of your work under the new rules. If so, will you send questions for the docket, bearing upon your special problems. Every one desires that the rules shall be always a help in the work and never a hindrance.

Hoping for an early reply, I am

Yours very cordially,

(Mrs. John Harvey) Elizabeth Park Lee

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November
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Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
c/o Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have not yet had a reply to my last letter to Mrs. Waid, but I think I should not wait longer and am, therefore, sending the copies of the manuscript of the joint hand-book to Mrs. Lee. Possibly my letter was not clear, and Mrs. Waid did not quite understand that I was waiting for a reply from her.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. H.) Alice Hood Coy.

AWC/K

November 7, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
501 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Hodge,

I am sure that you know by this time that Mrs. Webb's attention was called to the fact that she had not consulted the Boards before sending out word of your election. I want you to be assured that it was not a member of the Foreign Boards that raised this question but myself as Chairman of General Council and it chanced that I did it unwittingly, simply having mentioned the fact which caused Mrs. Webb to say that she had not thought of doing it. She has, however, sent out word to them. I trust that your new executive position is not going to make any difference in your eligibility for a position in relation to General Council. We need you very much indeed and I think you are quite safe in beginning to function at once.

If you are to be in New York this week any time, I shall be very glad to have the opportunity to see you as I will be at "156" all day Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There are so many who do not know anything about the details of the Council work and I am rather puzzled about some things relative to Westminster Guild. So soon as Mrs. Webb has heard from the Boards, I am sure she will let you know.

Trusting that I shall see you in a few days,

believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LMH.

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General Council
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November 10, 1917.

TO:

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
Chairman of the Executive Committee of Central Committee
of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

I understood at the Conference held on November 8 at which were present Miss Hodge, yourself and myself, that matters requiring immediate attention by General Council could be submitted to your new Executive Committee and would not need to go to the Boards. If I am mistaken in this, will you, as Secretary for General Council, kindly send at once to the various Boards the following matters which require prompt attention?

The request has been made that the following publications of Westminster Guild be reprinted:

1. The one page leaflet headed "Lest We Forget".
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4. "The Spirit of Westminster Guild."

It is necessary to know whether each Board needs copies of these four or whether they still have on hand supplies that are sufficient. If more are needed, please indicate the number in order that the printing may be of the right size. Also are there any suggestions to make as to slight changes that may be desirable that do not change the sense, or may this be left to the Secretary for Sublications with the Secretary for Westminster Guild? Are more copies needed of the blue slip for the annual report of the Westminster? Are more of the blue slips for the registration of the Westminster Guild needed, and if so, how many of each? Are these satisfactory as to form and contents?

Action is asked upon the question as to whether any one Board should issue literature for Westminster Guild organizations or whether all literature for joint organizations should be a General Council matter; for example: one Board has issued "Suggested Rules for Guidance of Westminster Guild Treasurers". They wish to reprint such. Is it your understanding that they my reprint this for their own use or must these, if used at all, be made a General Council publication?

The question of reprint of all of this literature brings up the question of the imprint of Westminster Guild literature. That used has been, "The Westminster Guild of the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A." Shall this be continued or should the rule that joint literature should bear the imprint of General Council be interpreted that the old imprint must be given up and that of General Council substituted? In either case, no address appears upon the printed material. Is it desirable that the names and addresses of the seven Woman's Boards be placed on all this literature?

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Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LEH.

P.C

November 12, 1917.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
509 S. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coy,

The manuscript of the Hand Book has come. I am sorry that delay has been caused by having had to wait for a letter from Mrs. Waid. I have not had an opportunity to ask her about this but fear that she must not have understood that you were waiting to hear from her. We will give this matter immediate attention and I trust to be able to get the manuscript back to you at a very early date.

Believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

MKB/LMH.

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not read.

November 15, 1917.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

At a conference Tuesday with Rev. William Ralph Hall of the Board of Publications and Sabbath School Work in New York, I learned that on November 22, 1917 a Committee, representing the United Society of Christian Endeavor and the various denominational and interdenominational agencies, will meet to consider the topics for the Christian Endeavor Societies for the year 1919.

If you will refer to the minutes of General Council of September 28, 1915, you will find on the last page thereof action: "That we request the United Society on Christian Endeavor to return to their former method of furnishing twelve Missionary topics yearly." A letter was written by Miss Hodge but I am not certain to whom it was addressed; it will, however, be in your file. It seems to me desirable that a similar letter should again be written, in view of the fact that they are now to consider the topics for 1919, and I should be very glad if this action of September 28,11916, might be recalled to their attention and they be asked to consider it in connection with the new topics. Mr. Hall says that it will be better to send the letter to:

Rev. Daniel A. Poling,
Sec'y of the United Society of C. E.,
Boston, Mass.

I fancy that Mr. Hall does not want to be quoted in connection with this.

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LEH.

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November 15, 1917.

To the Members of General Council.

Dear Friends:-

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MKB/LEH.

November 21, 1917.

To the Executive Committee of Central Committee.

My dear Miss Hodge:-

In response to the request of Mrs. Bennett I am sending you the enclosed material for your consideration at the meeting of the Executive Committee. As you will see, these Westminster Guild matters were presented to our Board from General Council and by them referred to our Westminster Guild Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions with power to act in the name of the Board. So our conclusions are not simply committee recommendations but authoritative actions in the name of the Board. Of course we realize that in matters of such detail as are presented here there may be minor differences of judgment, and in such cases our whole committee joins me in expressing the hope that we may not seriously delay important matters over trifles, and we stand quite ready to adjust if it be found necessary. We have held the view that in this formative year of the new policies of the Westminster Guild it would be best to disturb as little as possible previous procedure until such time as the new secretary for Westminster Guild and the new secretary for publications of General Council shall be ready to present to General Council definite policies as to the details of finance and publication. We trust that such plans will be very definitely evolved before the June meeting of General Council.

I am enclosing samples of all the literature mentioned in the recommendations and also the publication "The Westminster Guild in Outline", which has included material used in two preceding leaflets and therefore seems to make very necessary the revision of the leaflet called "Further Words". May I ask that these samples be returned to Miss Petrie's office for the use of Miss Ogg, the secretary for Westminster Guild in following out whatever orders may be decided upon?

Hoping that all this detailed business will not too seriously cumber your very full calendar, I am

Yours cordially,

Chairman

DEW-s.

November 21, 1917.

Miss Florence Quinlan,
156 Fifth Avenue,
NewYYork.

My dear Miss Quinlan,

I meant to speak with you yesterday relative to the enclosed leaflet on the Expension Department but did not have the oppertunity for you were out when I was free and then Miss Hodge and Mr. Hall stayed until after the office had closed. I shall try to be at the office on Friday though I am not sure that I can be and then will take up with you some of the details, but meanwhile, I am returning it with suggestions that you may be thinking them over.

1. In the second paragraph on the first page, you will note my question mark. I am not sure even after thinking it over whether this is the best way or whether the Extension Department, being simply a part of the local society, should be included in the the report of each Society. I see difficulties both ways and would like to talk this over.

2. I do not agree with Miss Hodge in cutting out any part under "Who Should not Belong". The agreement of General Council was that this was the understanding and I feel we must live up to it.

3. Where I have written in oppesite No. 2, I think you will understand my point by the note made. I feel that that should be "The officers of the Missionary Society appoint one or more women who shall have in charge the work of the Extension Department.of the Society." It seems to me that unless you put it in this way, it is going to feel itself a thing apart. This would mean that items 6 and 7 should be transferred to be 2 and 3. Then these items are the particular work of the Secretary for Extension and her assistants.

4. On page 4 you will note that I have suggested taking out from the leaflet. Perhaps this does not apply to the second paragraph but I personally would not put the question of the new name in this. I

I further wanted to talk up with you yesterday the question of the Chairmanship of the committee on Literature and Publication. Mrs. Pingry must be relieved, I find, and I very much hope that you are willing to take it. Please do it if you possibly can. Mrs. Pingry told me that yesterday you went over the program laid down last winter and talked of the things that had not yet been prepared. Some of those assigned to me have been purposely set aside because I did not feel on further consideration that they could be done. I presume that you have a copy of that docket and will call attention to the things assigned to me. On page three, under the heading, "Newest Americans", there is an item, "Why Our Board has no Work for Immigrants". I have thought a good deal about this topic and have decided that it is unwise at present for us to come out in print on this matter. It involves the whole question of the Woman's Board's relationship to Presbyteries and that is something about which we should

Miss Florence Quinlan. November 21, 1917.

say very little so I told Mrs. Pingry that I felt this should be cut out. The articles on Cuba seem to have been done. The next thing assigned to me was to be "A Leaflet showing the Authority for the Existence of the Woman's Board and the Reasons for the Work among Exceptional Peoples". I have never had time to do that and wish very much that you would prepare this. I think these are my only unfinished articles to date and that would clear me from the docket. There are, however, on the list a good many things, I think, that never have been attended to and I very much wish that you would finish up any of those for which you have time.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LEH.
Encl. 1.

For Mrs Barnett

The Chairman of the committee charged by General Council with the preparation of the leaflet on Missionary Education having communicated with the Central Committee member of each Woman's Foreign Board and also, through the Educational Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the Secretary for Missionary Education of each Woman's Foreign Board, has received the approval of two-thirds of the Board Secretaries for Missionary Education, which in her judgment, implies the approval of two-thirds of the Foreign Boards, on the Missionary Education leaflet as herewith presented, including the change of the word "class" to the word "group" in two places where it occurs in the definition of Lecture Course.

The preparation of the leaflet was referred to the committee with power, but this did not include any changes in wording of definitions as accepted and adopted by action of General Council, June 19, 1917, (Page 3 of the Minutes).

The member representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions on the committee has been requested by the Chairman to explain this matter to the Woman's Board of Home Missions and secure action. I, therefor, recommend that the Woman's Board of Home Missions approve of the above-named change of word and of the leaflet as a whole.

November 28, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
819 South 41st Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge,

I wish I might sit down and talk with you but I understood yesterday at "156" that it was uncertain whether you would be in this week at all. I am, however, sending one copy of this to your home address and one to the New York office so that it may catch you in one place or another.

I had thought that if we could meet and talk things over, we might hasten some decisions rather than let them go through the regular routine channels. As I understand it, all these four matters have been before the Executive Committee in one form or another or will soon reach them. In order these are:

1. The manuscript of the Hand Book. Our Board referred this with power to the Committee on Literature and Publications which considered this carefully and suggested numerous alterations. These we would naturally send to Mrs. Coy but I am asking them to hold them for a few days hoping that we may see you and learn whether the Executive Committee made changes. If so, is it desirable that you and we get together before we return the manuscript to Mrs. Coy or is this hardly in order? The manuscript has been left with Miss Quinlan with the suggestion that she be the one to take it up with you or anyone appointed if it is alright to do this.

2. Yesterday the report of the denominational program was given to our Board. General approval was given to the plans but it was referred back with power to Miss Petrie, who will come back tomorrow from the West, in order that she might suggest such changes as she thought necessary. I hope she and you might get together on this also in order that such a variety is not sent to Mr. Hall as will necessitate further meetings.

3. What I have said about the above would also answer, I think, for the report of our committee on Westminster Guild. They have, I believe, sent to you a copy of their actions. This may not have been quite an orderly way to do things but I did think it would simplify matters and I am so fearful that our efforts to cooperate may be of no effect by the slowness with which we can act, unless we do cooperate cordially and quickly. I asked the committee to send a copy of their findings to you before your meeting, if possible.

4. You have received the findings of the Conference on Student Work. These do not go to the Boards for consideration as the

Conference definitely recommended them to General Council under the ruling which gives them definite permission to make recommendations to General Council. I am very anxious, when there is time to talk quietly, to take up these recommendations with you and go over them one by one for there are, it seems to me, a good many questions involved here. On page 3 you will note under 5. This seems to have been inserted simply for emphasis. "The whole work of the church" has always seemed to me a dangerous phraseology and I cannot but feel that paragraph 6 and Suggestions at the top of page 5 would indicate that my point may be fairly well taken. It seems to me necessary that before the meeting of General Council some of us should be very clear as to how we stand on this matter.

Believe me that I am, with every hope of seeing you at an early date,

Most sincerely yours,

MKB/LEH.

3:30
Wednesday - 12"

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
December 3, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter of November 28th was received, but I was so busy with Committees in New York I was unable to answer it. I will reply now to the four matters of which you speak.

1. The manuscript of the Hand-book - This did not come before the Executive Committee of Central Committee because it had already been referred to the different Boards, so I supposed the quickest way to attend to this would be to send the manuscript to Mrs. Coy. I saw Miss Quinlan in New York on Friday and told her that Executive Committee had not touched this matter.

2. The ~~educational~~ Young People's Program - Executive Committee referred that to a sub-committee with power to act, which met last week and gave it to me to consult with Miss Petrie. I have written her outlining the few suggested changes, and asking if we can talk it over together before either of us sends the suggestions to Mr. Hall.

3. Westminster Guild publications - That matter also was referred to a committee with power. I have talked over with Mrs. Waid the suggestions of our committee in view of those made by yours, and on all points except one there was essential agreement, so I think we can go ahead at once in printing the blanks, etc. that are needed immediately. The one point was the matter of always printing the names of the Boards, and Mrs. Waid and I thought that could wait until General Council meets in January.

4. Conference on Student Work - I wish that you and I could talk about these findings, because it seems to me

also there are a good many questions involved. On page 3, under 5, the phrase "the whole work of the Church" was used with intention, and not simply for emphasis.

I expect to be in New York from Tuesday morning until Friday afternoon of this week. I have engagements for Tuesday morning, all day Wednesday, Thursday morning at ten, for I hope not more than an hour in Mrs. Gildersleeve's office, and Friday morning. Could you see me at any of my free times ? A message sent to Room 927, will reach me.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Bodge

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
Room 48, 17 No. State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

December
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Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Our Board has not a clear understanding about "Findings of Conference of Committee on Student Work- November 10th, 1917." Is our Board to vote on any of these recommendations or suggestions, or is the Student Committee empowered to make and carry out its own suggestions and send recommendations to be voted on by General Council? In other words is our Board, as a Board, expected to take action on any of the "findings"?

Yours most cordially,

Alice Wood Coy

(Mrs. B. M.)

AWC/K

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
December 10, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I was about to write saying that I would meet you at your office at 3:45 on Wednesday next (the 12th), but I have just received Dr. Veach's docket for the meeting of the Committee on Missionary and Benevolent Education, which is called for ten o'clock that morning. My idea was to leave on the one o'clock train, but the docket calls for an all day meeting, with the possibility of an evening session, so I fear it will be impossible to see you any time Wednesday afternoon. I shall be busy all day Thursday and Friday, but could stay over until Saturday morning and see you then if you so desire.

If I succeed in having the talk which I am planning to have with Mrs. Lee tomorrow, you and she may be able to cover the points without me.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Monday 5 p.m.

Dear Mrs Bennett: — Dec. 10 - 1917

Sorry I must be absent from Board meeting but I do not dare venture tomorrow - a bad throat since Friday - & other complications - make it unwise in this extreme cold - Your letter received - Thank you - Uvelspe is still abed but gaining, we think - Has ceased continuous coughing - Bed is not a bad place these cold days!

I had expected to take up Extension Dept. material with you tomorrow - but I had better send it - Please return to me Miss Hodge's letter also from ~~both of the~~ enclosures - They show feeling re who may be are members - This should be definitely settled before any leaflet is published! If we can really gain active

Members for the regular society of Extension Depr. Campaigns - personally I do not see that holding on to a dogma profits us - If it means a continuous fight - I had rather let them have their interpretation & keep peace. I'm not a militarist by nature! However - let us come to an understanding - any way!

You are doubtless taking up Hand book situation with Mrs Hodge - It is at a standstill as far as I'm concerned - & time is fleeting. W.B. of H.M. will be "the guilty party" again!

Sincerely

Florence E. Quinlan

Dec 10-'17

December 13, 1917.

Mrs. John H. Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

The enclosed items seem to be really the only ones I have. There are some on my list that you had and it seems unnecessary, therefore, to put them here. The committee on Percent of Increase for 1919-1920 and the report of the Nominating Committee do not come until June. I do not think it best to put the question of having the minutes of General Council open to Board members in the docket but think it is better to have it come up as a matter of discussion in the meeting. I do not think it is necessary either to put the matter of Revised Rules on the docket but rather let that come up at the meeting, too. No action by the Boards is necessary, in any case.

Faithfully yours,

Encl. 1.
MKB/LEH.

December 14, 1917.

Mrs. L. M. Coy,
17 North State St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Coy,

Your letter of December 8 is at hand. In the rules of General Council relative to the Standing Committee on Student Work, you will find the following: "The Committee shall send to General Council matters for consideration on its regular docket and shall present to General Council a written annual report". It is therefore correct that matters can go directly from the committee to General Council and that the Boards do not need to recommend them to General Council. However, I see no reason why any Board should not discuss these recommendations if it desires so to do before the meeting of General Council, although the results of such discussions would come to that body informally through the vote of the Board delegate.

Cordially yours,

MKB/LEH.

December 14, 1917.

Mrs. William F. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

It is rather late to bring up matters relative to the Revised Rules which were attached to the Minutes of the meeting of General Council, June 1917. It has happened, however, that I have not realized the situation until lately. It was, I am afraid, not within the province of the Committee to reword any part of the Standing Rules and article 5 of such should not have been reworded and placed among the Revised Rules. I think it was intended that there should be an extra copy of the Standing Rules ~~compiled~~ worded and that this should be attached to the Minutes simply that they might be easier to consult than when embodied in the Minutes themselves and they could also, for purposes of consultation, be removed from the Minutes. The only rules that were to be correlated were those not incorporated in the Standing Rules and governing the Secretary for Westminster Guild, Secretary for Publication, Standing Committee on Over Sea and Land, and Standing Committee on Student Work with those of Student Secretaries, both Board and Field. Iam wondering if perhaps the best way to clear up this now will not be to ask the Secretary to prepare copies of the Standing Rules complete and attach thereto the special rules governing the various Secretaries and Student Committees and to send a copy to each member of General Council asking them to remove the Revised Rules as they stand and substitute these therefor. Would you agree that I should do this? I am quite as much to blame in this matter as you and it was simply an oversight that we both made because of the fact of having so many different copies on hand.

If we are going to rewrite, it might be well to possibly change the phraseology there it is needed.

It seems desirable under Secretary for Publications (2) to insert a "shall" before "be responsible for its publication". Under (6) should it not read "the Secretary for Publications shall attend the meetings of General Council and shall render to General Council a written annual report and also to each of the Boards"?

(2) Under Standing Committee on Over Sea and Land, should we not insert "the Chairman is an ex officio member of General Council with the privilege of the floor but without vote"? Should we not insert, "no officer shall serve more than three consecutive terms"? Should we not omit, the (3) last line, "in general, the duties and powers of the committee in this connection shall be those held by the present committee" as that certainly becomes ambiguous? (2)

Under Standing Committee on Student Work (3), will it not be well to make a, b, c, d, all begin with "this committee shall", rather than to have the different phraseology? Would you be willing also to substitute for "to be charged with the duty of interesting" the words "seek to"? (over)

December 14, 1917.

Miss Florence Quinlan,
716 Warburton Avenue,
Yonkers, New York.

My dear Miss Quinlan,

I was very sorry to know that you were not well Tuesday and could not be at the Rooms. I trust that you are very much better now.

Miss Rue handed me the manuscript and correspondence relative to the leaflet on the Extension Department and I am returning it herewith. I really hardly know what comments to make on this correspondence. I quite agree with you that we should not quibble on small matters especially if good is to be accomplished by making a change. If we were certain that using the words "do not" in place of "cannot" in reference to having the women attend the meetings of the Society would work out in such a way that they would be constantly urged to become active members, I would most heartily favor the change. The great difficulty to my mind is that we so easily settle into ruts and literature would be distributed to these people indefinitely without any effort to bring them into a definite Society. I think that Miss Hubbert's criticism on No. 2 is perhaps correct and I think I raised the same question as to whether we should make it seem in any way that the Extension Department is an organization per se; it is the Society functioning in one special activity and I would like to see that this would be always clear. Of course, her insertion in 3 hinges upon the wording of 1 above, and I think 4 might be omitted.

Under 5 No. 2, I do not think that the clause saying:"Officers of the Missionary Society", is superfluous for in many Societies the President would go on with this work independently of the organization. This would call to her attention the necessity of having her officers work with her.

The criticism under 6 again hinges on the scope of the Extension Department.

Under 7 I confess that I feel that we should make a good deal of the rotation of literature as it would become quite a burden on a small Society if there were to be a separate package sent to each individual to be retained, and I also feel that there should be visiting instead of sending by the mail when possible.

Under 9 I think that in smaller Societies especially, the fact of passing on magazines from those who have them is helpful and I like under 10 the work "should" in the place of "may". Name and methods I originally suggested cutting out, I believe.

Where does this whole thing stand now? Did you submit it to Miss Hodge as Secretary for Publications and do you understand that she accepts Miss Hubbert's criticisms as her own? There is no use of printing this or any other material in spite of the demand for it, unless we are certain that we are all

Miss Florence Quinlan. December 14, 1917.

absolutely agreed upon the scope of the organization. If Philadelphia is going to refuse material after if has been prepared and to issue material of their own, the whole object of General Council is set aside. If after you have seen Miss Hodge, you find there is no way of coming together on this, I think there is nothing for it but to hold over the whole thing until the next meeting of General Council. This is unfortunate and yet I see nothing else to be done. Personally I am afraid of the "do not" but if for the greatest good of all, I will, of course, gladly give in.

I saw Mrs. Lee Wednesday and found that she had the manuscripts for the Hand Book that had been returned by the other Boards; that of Philadelphia was not yet returned to her and was planning to send them to Mrs. Coy in a package. The Executive Committee of Central Committee, which met yesterday, did not consider this. Will you, therefore, send our suggestions directly to Mrs. Coy as there is nothing for which to hold these? As Chairman of Literature and Publications, I am hoping that you are going to be able to stress the coordination of literature that is sent out from the office. I cameacross a case Wednesday that shows we are not having the coordination at the office that we should. I shall take this up with you when I see you.

Let me say before I close that Miss Hodge did not come over as expected Wednesday and so I had no opportunity to talk with her but Mrs. Lee gave me all the information about the Hand Book that I could secure.

I shall be very glad to attend the meeting of the Committee on Literature and Publications on the 18th if I can do so but I am not certain whether this will be possible or no. January 15 is a little complicated as that week is crowded with the annual meetings of the Inter-Denominational bodies.

Believe me that I am

Most cordially yours,

Encl. 1.
MKB/LEH.

December 15, 1917.

Mrs. William F. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

In my letter of yesterday I said that there should be an extra copy of the Standing Rules made to be attached to the Minutes of June 19-20. That was an error as we already have these so then the only thing that we have to do would be to suppress the first part on page 1 of "Revised Rules" and then, if you think it best, make the changes suggested in my letter of yesterday. Sorry to have made this mistake.

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LBH.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Dec. 16. 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett -

Enclosed is a rough draft of the Docket for General Council - If you have corrections or suggestions to make, I shall be most grateful for them - I find that all the "Findings" of Student Conference are not all given in the Recommendations sent me by the Secretary. but feel that I must deal with the Secretary's report - Am I not right?

That question which you brought up the other day - "Does a sub-committee approach Boards" - would better be allowed to come up in the meeting, do you not think?

Should not the Committee on Correlation report and be discharged?

Very sincerely yours.
Elizabeth Park Lee -

(Mrs. John Harvey)
6135 Grelen St. Germantown Pa.

Written on letterhead of "Woman's Syndical Society
of Foreign Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
of California."

Extracts from letter of Mrs. L. F. Laverty,
of Los Angeles, California, December 17,1917.

"My dear Miss Quinlan:

"We, a few of the officers who have the heavy part of the report work to do in our state, have been considering this plan for some time but of course couldn't act upon it unless authorized to do so. Mrs. Pinney thought this the opportune time to present it and we trust the hindrances will not loom up so large as to prevent your giving it careful consideration.

"More and more our best women in our churches, who are always our most devoted, capable, patriotic, missionary women, are finding it necessary to conserve time, strength and especially nervous energy, if they are going to have either in sufficiency to meet the increasing demands that these momentous days bring. Is it not wise to eliminate every detail in the administrative part of our work that is not absolutely essential to the best interests of the cause so dear to us? It is, partly, for this reason we present the enclosed plan for gathering statistics and also the suggestive blanks.

"You will find, we believe, that every necessary statistic in regard to our local societies and their work could thus be secured on one blank through one person, and she could also well receive and secure the filling of blanks for all Y.P. and children's organizations. This would be a saving in postage as one stamp would return all reports where now some five or more are used. Confusion, which usually means loss of accuracy, would also be lessened. The regular corresponding secretary, whether Home or Foreign, or both, would carry on her correspondence with the society as now and would likely get better narrative reports when her letters were not accompanied with a blank, whose filling often seems to exhaust all the energies of the secretary. This plan would also avoid duplication of statistics which presbyterial officers often have difficulty in harmonizing. Then if the General Council would print the blanks and send them to Presbyterial Report Secretaries there would be larger savings as printing would cost much less in large quantities and postage would not be duplicated as now.

"Then don't you think a uniform report would be a strong factor in bringing about unity as well as uniformity in the Home and Foreign work? I believe that is one of the aims of the Council. (Personally I am very thankful such a body has come into existence and believe it is one of the big forward steps of our day. While we believe in democracy and the rights of men (of women) yet many things move faster if there is a head with, at least, the suggestion of authority.

Your friend in service,
Fannie Burnap Laverty, Cor.Sec."

(Mrs. L.F.)

P.S.

"We are trying to have a Young People's Sec. in each local society who shall be a go-between and foster missionary work in these organizations. We are not sure whether this officer is being appointed all over the country."

104 South Elliott Place
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:- 12-21-1917

A few items for you to digest before you attack your Christmas dinner!

Yesterday I saw Miss Hodge. She will let me have a copy of the actions taken by Exec. Com. of Central Com. on W. G. publications. I saw her copy. "Imprint" seemed to be only point on which Home and Foreign differed. Report blanks and registration blanks have been printed with the old imprint (apparently because Miss Allis so advised.)

Secondly - we took up that matter of the text books. After considering several methods of approach to the Boards, the simplest and least revolutionary commended itself to us, namely, that I should write each Board W. G. Sec. for recommendation as to book to be used by Chapters and one by Circles for 1918-19 and that I suggest she consult her Bd Sec. for Missionary Education: these recommendations to be sent me before Jan. meeting of General Council. In the meantime Miss Hodge and I will find out all that is possible regarding these new books and

be ready with our own approval.

3rd Will the manuscript or proof of our Home-book be available for me to look over any time early in January?

If you approve of this method, I'll proceed, but if it seems unwise will you let me know? I'll wait a few days before writing the secretaries.

Now Woman's Board H.M. thoughts:

1. I have been asked if the Minutes of our executive session might not be read at the next. The suggestion came in the form of reminding us we were not proceeding legally to omit them.

2. Question has been raised as to the withdrawal of stenographic report of our meetings. That was with your full approval, was it not? Surely Minutes are not a difficult matter as now kept and I see no necessity of taking all that time of Mrs. Davison's unless someone feels it imperative.

Best of Christmas wishes, dear Lady, and I am so sorry to trouble you with business at this time.

Yours lovingly,

Jessie.

December 21, 1917

December 26, 1917.

Miss E. Jessie Ogg,
104 S. Elliot Pl.,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Miss Ogg,

I would think that the plans worked out by Miss Hodge and yourself for deciding on textbooks for the use of Westminster Guild chapters and circles, was a very wise one. Personally, whatever may have been the procedure in the past, it seems to me simply erecting unnecessary difficulties to have the Home people have anything to do with the Foreign textbook or the Foreign people anything to do with the Home textbook. When literature is distinctly relative to the Fields involved it seems going a little outside the design of united work to consider these. I do feel that we need to stress the fact that the literature with which we are concerned is that which is included in the heading, "Joint Publications". I assume that joint publications are such as in any way refer to matters that concern both the Home and the Foreign groups and that if Publications for joint organizations come under the definite definition they then become the concern of all; if such publications refer only to the Mission Field of one group or the other and have no reference to organized work or to money, pledges, etc., the interest involved could have the full responsibility for producing such. This has always been my feeling in this matter and I believe that we will have less confusion if we keep to such a position than if we try in any way to dictate concerning work being done by the other side. You, as Secretary for Westminster Guild, and Miss Hodge, as Secretary of Publications, will be concerned but the Home group, for example, need not be concerned with the book chosen by the Foreign Boards. Is this your decision?

I think that the manuscript of the Home Book should be ready for you to read early in January. If you will communicate with Mrs. John S. Allen, 25 East 22d St., or go to see her, she will be able to place this in your hand at the earliest possible date as she is Chairman of the Committee.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LH.

December 21, 1917.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I am returning the docket for General Council. I think that all the matters that I had on my docket are there, except the following recommendation from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which on July 26 placed this on its minutes:

"Recommendation to General Council.

"VOTED that the Woman's Board of Home Missions recommend to General Council that each Board sending to the Nominating Committee of General Council the names of candidates for any position, previously secure from such candidates their consent to serve if elected to such position."

I had supposed that this had gone to you but from your docket assumed that it has not. I notice that opposite blanks you have not the name of the one who is to report. I think Miss Quinlan was the Chairman of that Committee. The committee on Corelation of Rules should report and will have a report to make, I find.

In regard to the recommendations from Student Committee, it is my understanding that all that could be placed upon the docket will be the matters definitely referred to General Council by the Committee on Student Work. I think, however, that it is quite in order for General Council, at the meeting, to take up any matters in the findings of the Student Conference as General Council has the right to originate actions without waiting for overtures from Boards or committees. That would then bring up the question of having sub-committees approach Boards as that matter was in these minutes.

Though Miss Hodge is not a member of General Council except through her position as Secretary of Publications, I wonder if it would not be allowable for her to report on the Program gotten up with Mr. Hall; otherwise it will be necessary for me to report upon that and as I am in the chair, I dislike to do this.

Trusting that the New Year may bring you all joy and happiness, believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

MKB/LLH.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
December 18, 1917.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Our Executive Committee of Central Committee decided it was advisable to have a joint Committee on the Hand-book, and I have therefore appointed Miss M. D. Purves of Philadelphia and Mrs. W. E. Waters of New York, as Central Committee members of that Committee. Will you please send to Miss Purves the names of the members from the Home Board. They can then arrange for a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Park See

(Mrs. John Harvey)

Miss Dimlam -
Mrs. Waid

Mr. Ward & Miss Lamilan

December 21, 1917.

Dear Friends:-

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of Central Committee, I am informed, it was thought best to have a joint committee on Hand Book. To represent the Foreign interests, there have been appointed Miss M. E. Purves, 501 Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia, and Mrs. W. I. Waters, 125 Claremont Avenue, New York. I have been asked to name two from the Home Board and have named you. As I understand it, this joint committee is to adjust the criticisms that have been made by various groups.

Very sincerely yours,

MBb/M.H.

December 21, 1917.

Miss

Miss M. D. Purves,
501 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Purves,

I have just received word from Mrs. Lee that you and Mrs. Waters of New York have been made members of a committee on Hand Book and she has asked me to name two members from the Home Board. I have named Mrs. D. E. Waid, of 1 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and Miss Florence E. Quinlan, 716 Warburton Avenue, Yoners, N. Y.

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LEH.

~~J. C. Quinlan,~~

~~261 Broadway.~~

~~Livingston Building.~~ ~~New York,~~ Dec. 26 1907

Dear Mrs. Bennett: —

In accordance with your letter of Dec. 14 - I sent Mrs Coy the suggestions on Hand Book -

Your letter of Dec. 21 rec'd appointing Mrs Waid & me as Committee & so I sent, Today, Mrs Waid a copy of Hand Book as recommended by U.B. of W. M's Lit. & Pub. Com.

And now, Today - comes this from Philadelphia - ~~marked~~ post marked yesterday.

I Or hope the Committee will stand (or sit!) It will be made

easier than to communicate with Chicago — Writing explanations in full would be a tiresome, never ending job!

I have not been able to touch Extension Department leaflet since receiving last communications regarding it. Hope to this week & will forward to you — I have still bothers some days — it varies — & neck is stiff a great half of time — Queer why it does not go away to stay.

The Lit. & Pub. Com. will hold Annual Conference — Jan. 15 — at 1 p.m. You will receive notice in proper shape — but wanted you to know — Hope you will be able to attend.

Sincerely

Homer E. Keimlaer

Camden Ohio
at #156.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

December 26, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Bennett,

Having learned that Miss Quinlan had sent to Mrs. Coy the Home Board corrections for the Hand-book, we decided it would be the best plan to send those for the Foreign Boards also, and therefore the Committee appointed to correlate these corrections has been called off, and all the material sent to Mrs. Coy.

Hastily yours,

Elizabeth Park See

(Mrs. John H.)

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
December 26, 1917.

To the Members of General Council.

Dear Friends:

The Westminster Guild Bulletin has been shipped to the Boards as follows:

Home Board	150
Northwest	1000
Southwest	500
New York Foreign Board ...	300
Occidental	200
North Pacific	200
Philadelphia	1200

I hope it has arrived safely. The Secretary for Westminster Guild and I have made some rather radical changes in its appearance as you doubtless have noticed. We found that the coated paper is heavier than the kind used, which is quite an important matter now in regard to the postage. Also, there were requests for a blue cover and pictures. We have tried combining these various suggestions and would like to have the candid opinion of yourself and the Guild Secretary of your Board and other interested people as to whether you would like this change to continue through the year.

The former edition of the Bulletin was 5000. The orders from the Boards were only 3550. The Board of the Northwest has in the past paid for all additional copies and used them rather freely for propaganda. As there is no fund in General Council for financing publications, Miss Ogg and I decided it wouldbe better to order only a few more than the Boards actually asked for, so we cut the edition down to 4000. General Council will have to decide on the whole matter of financing such publications and how we will pay for this edition. Would you approve of making the price to the Boards for the copies which they have ordered large enough to cover the full expense of the edition, and then sent the extra copies pro rata to each Board, or have you some other suggestion to make ? We have asked

the Home Board and the Philadelphia Board to divide the initial cost of this edition, and will ask you to pay your bills promptly so that they can be reimbursed as soon as possible.

We regrettd the delay in the issue of the Bulletin, but because we were both new officers, and for various other reasons, we were unable to get it out sooner.

We have also had reprinted the registration blanks, report blanks, enrolment cards and pledge cards, and have had them printed in quantity. If you have not sent your order and need any of those four, will you please sent the order immediately to me ?

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Secretary for Publications.

December 29, 1917.

Miss Florence Quinlan,
715 Warburton Avenue,
Yonkers, New York.

My dear Miss Quinlan,

A letter from Mrs. Lee says that as the Woman's Board of Home Missions had sent the suggestions relative to the Hand Book to Mrs. Coy, it was decided by the Executive Committee of Central Committee that the corrections made by the Foreign Boards should also be sent. The proposed committee, therefore, is not needed and you and Mrs. Wald are released from this responsibility. I am informing Mrs. Wald thereof. When the request came that I appoint two members on this committee, I had understood that the thought of the Executive Committee was to take this matter entirely out of the hands of Mrs. Coy and her committee but apparently they have not now so decided. It would have been much better to have proceeded with the committee which could meet.

I am returning Miss Hodge's letter. The Extension Department leaflet will, of course, not be printed now until after the meeting of General Council.

I am planning to be with you on the afternoon of January 15 though I shall have to leave some time late in the afternoon for Garden City. We are to have delegates there because of our work in Latin America. Isn't that interesting?

Faithfully yours,

Encl. 1.
MKB/LLH.

December 29, 1917.

Mrs. D. L. Waid,
1 Lexington Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waid,

According to a request made by the Executive Committee of Central Committee, I asked you and Miss Quinlan to serve as members on a sub-committee on the Hand Book. I have, however, now received word that as our corrections had already gone to Mrs. Coy, the Executive Committee have decided to send theirs on also and the committee becomes unnecessary. I am sure you are glad to be relieved of this one thing.

Cordially yours,

MWB/LHH.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
Room 48, 17 No. State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

December
Twenty-ninth
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Mrs. D. E. Waid,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Waid:

Replies concerning the manuscript of the hand-book have been received from all of the Boards. I will therefore ask that the committee meet on Tuesday, January 15th, at 10 o'clock in New York City. It is not possible at this time to designate the place of meeting, but I will notify you regarding this a little later.

The changes suggested by the Foreign Boards are comparatively few, and most of them can easily be incorporated. The Woman's Board of Home Missions, however, has practically rewritten the manuscript. Miss Quinlan has offered to send a copy of this manuscript to each member of our committee, and I have gladly accepted her offer. You will thus be enabled to give it full consideration before the meeting.

With every good wish for you and yours for the year 1918, I am

Yours most cordially,

Alice Wood Coy.

(Mrs. L. L.)

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The G. C. minutes have come with your letter of explanation and the markings. I approve of it all. I have written Miss Allendeer one question about the Standing Rules to refer to you. The W. G. Refit wh. I had wks for 1916, and I fear that for 1917 is not ready yet. yrs. sincerely. M. E. Hodge

Mrs. J. J. Bennett

~~Woman's Board of Home Missions~~

~~156 Fifth Ave.~~

~~New York~~

~~N. Y.~~

149 Douglas Place,
Englewood,
N. J.

Delaware, Ohio.

Dear President:—

Whatever has happened these two W. Guild manuscripts? Did the Trs Board consider me an improper person? I have pursued "watchful waiting" these two weeks but must has appeared. I can't say I have minded but I have been a trifle anxious lest one or both had been lost in mail as I have gone from place to place. I seem to have lost me or two letters forwarded to Columbus.

I hope the Bible Course (Mrs. Berry's) is being published ~~for~~ that is needed now as the Guilds begin to study. The foreign study help is not needed till January so Phila. Board's work is not so pressing.

I wrote Miss Allis as polite a note as I could, at the same time "dashing her hopes" for reprinting. Miss Patrie liked our new form of report. The other Boards have not remarked.

I shall be thinking of you as beginning the season's work to-morrow. Sorry not to be at my post on the 25th.

Regret not being able to help Mrs. Gildersleeve this month but I am simply good for nothing now. Relaxing does not seem to agree. Expect to be home first of October and ready to plunge in.

We had a good trip out - only one day with roads to remind me of New Mexican mud hills! We return by the lakes of northern New York. Leave here Wednesday and spend the night in Wooster. I am keeping my Aunt posted on mail directions.

Hope the soldiers and all your side issues as well as main ones are going serenely.

With love, as ever, Jessie.

College Camp, Wis.
Y.W.C.A. Conference.

Dear President:—

From the train I telegraphed Miss Rumsey, who met me in the Chicago station, and we had a helpful talk over the Bulletin. She will attend to the printing — all and a little more than Sec. for Pub. ~~would~~ naturally do — while I'll do my own part of writing and editing here. That made the burden seem lighter to Miss Rumsey and it helps me so much to have her attend to the part which will come at so hard a time for me. By this arrangement I do my own rightful part. We decided to leave on Bulletin address of Editorial Committee as still in Chicago unless something in your article indicates the rightful change.

Miss R. also poured forth a volley of complaint against Home side of W.Y. work. My, but I see some things to be done! It makes me wish I could keep my job and try to see real harmony brought about. A real challenge is there and I love the prospect — big for somebody.

With all your other work I hated to ask you to write for the Bulletin. I am truly grateful for your willing response. Since this will come from you as chairman of General Council, showing change in W. G. form of administration, perhaps you will want to send Miss Ramsey change of editorial address if anything seems settled by that time.

The trip here was very comfortable.

I have just been talking with Mrs. Humphrey of Springfield, Ill. who does Mission study work for the Board of the Northwest. She says she is feeling inclined to take up home study in place of or in conjunction with foreign course.

I do hope you and Mr. Bennett succeed in going away next week.

Much love

Yours faithfully,

Jessie.

Saturday.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Mrs. Bennett:—

Evidently it is quite impossible to avoid troubling you. At the office I heard there was no key for Publications of General Council and also that Miss Rumsey had already asked the Brands for Dept. Bulletin material. It was therefore under advice with Miss Patrie that I asked Miss Rumsey to go on with that number. I realized it was irregular but any way at present would be so and therefore I took that responsibility, which evidently I should not have taken.

If I had done directly to you, less time would have been consumed, error avoided and no more trouble to you than has resulted. I am sorry.

There are other matters for printing which must be handled in some way, either through General Council or by individual Brands as formerly. Until there is a key for Publications, how and when would Publications to be printed?

I have been wondering, ever since I heard that Mrs Stanley White had refused the Secretaryship of Publications, if it would be easier to reverse those two officers - if Miss Dunlap, who was nominated by our Brand and who we might suppose would be willing to serve, could take the Publications and leave the W. Guild to the [illegible]

Boards. Miss Allis, who was the nominee there, would likely go on with the work which she likes so much. If this would work out a solution of a difficulty, will you feel free to make such adjustments and consider my name withdrawn. I have absolutely no feeling one way or the other about the office. I do feel there ought to be some way to accomplish the work without everything falling back on you. We seem weighted down by our own machinery now. I do not know the method of filling vacancies on Gen. Council but if this plan is at all feasible and should seem desirable do carry it out.

Enclosed please find check of two dollars and 3/100 for photos.

Hope your trip to Northfield was not too tiring.

With love.

Faithfully yours,

Jessie.

July twentieth.

104 South Elliott Pl.
Brooklyn

Dear President:—
Will you
note in the minutes, next
to last quotation from
time of General Council
that no action is
attached. We did not
vote on that item yet
it was included on your
copy as I had it typed
in in order to have
space if necessary.
Either the quotation
must be eliminated or
action included. I
realize.

How are W. Y. General Council matters to be financed? I am having the statistical report printed now and Bulletin bill will be coming later.

At first I felt I could not ask Miss Rumsey again to do what seemed more my job than hers but having been reminded in the meanwhile that General Council's committee to formulate rules governing W. Y. Sec. strenuously objected to the Sec. being editor of the Bulletin I have appealed to Miss Rumsey to do that which there is no one else to do. What do you think of this for heat? Love from Jessie.

Tuesday.

add'd

: Gen'l Council

My dear Miss Deinlay, —

Can you tell me whether the Reading Circle, Lecture Course, and Program Meeting rank equally with the Study Class in rating the Standard of Excellence.

We could not

P.S. To save delay will you kindly write me at Richmond, Vermont, instead of Port Henry, New York, as usual.

E. R. St. C.

understand about this from the printed slip sent us from the Board and Mrs. Fraser, our Presbyterial President, advised me to write to you for this information which we need before sending out our Spring report.

Thanking you for your kindness —

Cordially Yours,

Mrs. C. C. St. Clare.